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## Juggling 'Fizzicks'

Left, Greg Tarlin juggles around show partner Kristi Heath during the Razzamatazz Kids Shows' Fizzical Fizzicks at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Feb. 6. See more on page 9.

Darren Lum Echo staff

## Pool construction resurfaces at county

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It seems the county might dip its toe in the concept of a community swimming pool.

At an economic development committee

meeting Feb. 9, county councillors discussed undertaking a market demand feasibility study, a suggestion brought forward by Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"A group of community members have been working hard and building support for the construction of a pool and recreation centre in Hali-

burton County for several years now," Reid wrote in a submission, adding that this group, which calls itself the Haliburton County Pool Initiative Committee, had gathered approximately 1,000 signatures from residents who support the idea of a pool.

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# Five poachers fined for illegal hunting

Five men have been fined a total of \$9,000 for illegal deer hunting.

Kenneth (Duke) Townsend of Tory Hill pleaded guilty to hunting antlerless deer without a licence and having a deer taken illegally. He was fined a total of \$3,000 and given a two-year hunting suspension. The court considered his numerous prior offences when assessing the penalty.

Michel Lagace of Brighton pleaded guilty to hunting antlerless deer without a licence, using a deer seal issued to someone else, and transporting a deer taken illegally. He was fined a total of \$3,000.

Cantin Ouellet of Hampton, Zachary Townsend of Tory

Hill, and Steven Scott of Maynooth were all convicted of making false statements to a conservation officer and fined \$1,000 each.

The court heard that on Nov. 4, 2010, during the rifle hunt for deer, a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer checked the group in Cardiff Township, near Harcourt. The hunters' stories about the number of deer they had killed did not match. Further investigation revealed that Kenneth Townsend had shot an antlerless deer without a valid licence. Michel Lagace put a deer seal belonging to another party on the deer and took the illegally killed animal back to the hunt camp. The owner of the deer seal

had not gone hunting that day. At Lagace's request, Ouellet told the conservation officer that the owner of the deer seal had been hunting and had just left to go home. Zachary Townsend and Scott had been at the site of the deer kill, but told the officer they didn't know Kenneth Townsend had killed a deer that day.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 3.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS 8477.

## Eagle lake resident runs 322 kilometres for ALS fundraiser

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Eagle Lake resident Oliver Fischer was able to raise some \$7,000 for the ALS Society of Canada as he ran 200 consecutive miles – that's 322 kilometres – during the weekend.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal neurodegenerative disease.

Fischer's sister, Susan, is a sufferer and he completed the run in her name.

"The run went off perfectly," Fischer said on Sunday night. Starting at 3 a.m. on Feb. 11, Fischer, an experienced ultra-marathoner, ran until 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 13.

While he'd intended to run the incredible distance on the Haliburton County Rail Trail, a last-minute change of route saw him complete the bulk of it in 10-kilometre loops on Old Donald Road.



Oliver Fischer (looking up) surrounded by volunteer pacers ran 322 kilometres day and night on the backroads of Haliburton during a weekend fundraiser for ALS. He brought in \$7,000 for disease research.

**Tim Tofflemire**  
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A friend's home near Gould's Crossing acted as his rest stop, where he would stop for no more than 10 minutes for food and encouragement from his friends.

"I couldn't have done it without that type of support," he said. "That's why it worked." Fischer also appreciated the people who helped pace him on his run.

"Mostly, the second hundred miles [required much

moral support]," he said. While it was the first time Fischer had completed the distance, there were no problems, he said. He credited the cool weather for helping him to avoid injury and inflammation, as well as the positive and supportive atmosphere.

Some 3,000 Canadians have ALS. There is no cure or treatment.

## \$3.5 million to be spent on school renos

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county's schools will be receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars in renovations this year.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board's 2010-2011 school facility renewal budget was approved at a Feb. 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting and will see some \$450,000 worth of improvements done at schools within Haliburton County.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School will have duct work re-insulated for \$15,000.

In Cardiff, the elementary school will get new flooring worth \$8,500 and new ceilings and lights for \$60,000.

JDH Elementary School will be the county's biggest recipient and receive \$120,000 for new walls and doors, \$15,000 for new flooring and \$150,000 to renovate washrooms. Wilberforce Elementary School will get a new ramp at its front entrance for \$5,000, a fence replaced for \$5,000 and ceiling and lighting work for \$15,000.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will have its gym floor refurbished for \$20,000, windows replaced for \$35,000 and get \$12,500 worth of new flooring.

Throughout its jurisdiction, the school board is spending more than \$3.5 million on renovations this year.

Renovations are likely to begin during the summer.

Before it is official, the budget must be ratified at the next board meeting.

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**Who's your favourite?**

**Coles'Notes**  
Catherine Coles  
Branch Services Librarian

The nominees for the 2011 Evergreen Award were recently announced. The Evergreen Award Program gives adult library patrons across Ontario the opportunity to vote for a work of Canadian fiction or non-fiction that they have liked the most for the year.

Read some or all of the following nominees over the next eight months to be prepared to vote on your favourite in October:

- Ameliance* by Carla Gunn
- Amelance* by Kathleen Winter
- Delicate Road* by Sarah Kane
- Death Spiral* by James W. Nichol
- Far to Go* by Adam Pick
- A Man in Uniform* by Kate Taylor
- The Night Ship* by Dr. Brian Goldson
- Reveries* by Emma Donoghue

**The Highlands Weekender**

**Dorset hosts Snowball**

On Friday evening around supper time, there is a skating party with music for children and adults. This event has become a tradition as a family outing for several residents of Dorset. Great music – great skating!

There will be hot chocolate and hot dogs around the rink for those who want to warm up or get hungry after all that skating. DJ RJ Chris is providing music and a fantastic light show not to be missed!

Saturday's event begins with a pancake breakfast provided by the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit. It's an all-you-can-eat breakfast and wonderfully delicious!

After the breakfast, everyone heads outside to see the Dorset Snowball parade. Anyone can be in the parade and they all meet at the designated time at the Dorset Garage.

Organizers have challenged all local businesses to enter a float in the parade – no float is too big, no float is too small! Call the race centre at 705-766-9968 for more information.

The parade proceeds down Main Street, over the single lane bridge, past Robinson's General Store and on to the Dorset Recreation Centre where the parade wraps up. The official opening

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Pictured: Anthony vanLieshout of the Trillium Team, winner Darlene Ross and Wayne Hooks of the Ethel Curry Gallery.

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# Water company wins local Bears' Lair

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Moments after she was crowned the winner, Brandi Hewson finally let the news sink in.

"I won," said Hewson to family and friends full of elation and joy.

On Feb. 10 Hewson was selected as the Haliburton representative of the first ever Bears' Lair competition, held at Fleming College.

Mirroring the popular CBC television show *Dragons' Den*, the competition sees contestants present entrepreneurial ideas and plans to a panel of judges for the chance to win a prize package valued at \$20,000.

Hewson will go on to compete at the grand finale in Peterborough on March 1 against three contestants representing Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur from Haliburton won for her presentation on WAI Products Ltd., a distributor and manufacturer of a selection of water supply and irrigation products. Along with a detailed presentation given in front of a packed house Hewson also submitted a 76-page business plan to the panel of judges, which consisted of Barb Bolin, Andrew Hodgson, Wendy Gunning and George Schmid.

During her presentation Hewson told the judges Haliburton is the ideal location for her business due to an untapped market in North Central Ontario. Her sales figures showed a significant potential for growth in the area due to the cottage sector as well.

An initiative of the Workforce Development Board, the competition was open to all new and existing businesses of less than 100 employees. The WDB is a community based, not-for-profit corporation serving Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton. Approximately 100 people came out to witness the Haliburton portion of the competition, the highest turnout of any region according to Richelle Clark of the Workforce Development Board.

"The spirit of entrepreneurship is alive and well and that is evident across this county," said Andy Campbell, general manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and steering committee member for the competition during



**Andy Campbell**  
welcomes  
everyone to  
the first ever  
Bears' Lair  
competition.

**Angelica  
Blenich**  
Echo staff

the evening's opening remarks. Contestants were judged on a scoring system out of 100 points, with the business plan counting for a bulk of the points at 50. Aside from Hewson, contestants included Curtis Tighe, representing Deer Creek Custom Wood Products Ltd., Kayla Wilkins, representing Brim Stone roller derby league, and Shelly Raymond, representing Soltera Co-Housing Ltd. Following the presentations the judges deliberated before Campbell announced the winner.

"It takes an awful lot to enter this competition and the quality of presentations we saw tonight were outstanding," said Campbell. "We all feel each and every one of you are going to be successful with whatever you do with the rest of your life."

"I'm extremely thrilled about winning," said Hewson following the announcement. "This has been a huge effort."

Hewson, who has been working on the overall business since September 2010, learned about the Bears' Lair competition mid-December.

"Over the Christmas holidays it was very late nights prepar-

ing my 76-page business plan," said Hewson.

The idea to apply for the competition came to her in a local café and was further encouraged by mentor Mike Jaycock.

"I'm very proud of her," said Jaycock at the conclusion of the evening. "Brandi's had a very big idea and what she's found in the last five months is this business has been a huge undertaking." Hewson operates her business out of the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator, which Jaycock is the manager of.

Acting as her day-to-day mentor, Jaycock has helped Hewson prepare her message.

"Brandi is driven to succeed," said Jaycock. "She knows her stuff inside and out. She's going to do great."

During the finale in Peterborough Hewson will be expected to give her pitch in front of a live audience without the aid of a PowerPoint presentation or a podium.

"I will be there in Peterborough to see how she does and to cheer her on," said Jaycock.

## Fearrey questions building pool before affordable housing

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Reid, fulfilling an election promise to investigate the possibility of a pool, met members of the group in November and was subsequently put in contact with the regional director of the YMCA, who informed Reid that Toronto-based research company LeisurePlan International Inc. had done many such studies for his organization.

It was Reid's suggestion that the county follow the YMCA's approach and hire LeisurePlan, for the fee of approximately \$35,000, to conduct the telephone-based study and that it apply for a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for the funding.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt thought \$35,000 for a phone survey sounded pretty steep.

Reid said the process was much more complicated than just conducting a phone survey, and that a lot of the work goes into creating an "operational hypothesis."

"And there's the analytical side of it," Reid said.

The survey would include the analysis of some 700 responses, but, as Reid explained, this didn't mean the first 700 people who responded would be used. Rather, she said, responses would be taken from certain demographic groups. "There are certain targets for each demographic profile," Reid said, adding that up to 4,000 calls could be made during the course of the study. "It's a fairly scientific process."

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton noted that what Reid was talking about would be a sole-source contract, rather than putting the study out for tender. "I'm not sure just how transparent this is," Burton said.

"I don't want to say it's a leap of faith," Reid said, explaining the company's glowing recommendation from the YMCA was enough justification to set aside the county's purchasing policy.

Moffatt said a few paragraphs on a piece of paper weren't good enough for her to override the county's purchasing pol-

icy and said reps from the YMCA should pay council a visit. "They should be able to come and talk to us about it," she said. "I'd like to hear from them first-person."

Dysart et al Murray Fearrey wanted to meet with someone from the company as well.

"I don't know these people from a hill of beans," he said.

Fearrey wanted to know what questions would be involved in the survey and while it was suggested the survey only involve permanent residents, he wanted all of the county's taxpayers involved in the process in some way.

He also questioned how high a priority the construction of a pool should be.

"Housing is still my No. 1 priority," he said, adding he found it difficult to talk about the construction of recreational facilities when people are coming to his door telling him they can't fill their oil tanks.

Staff will be making requests to have reps visit council.

# BIA embraces plans for expansion at AGM

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Plans to expand the Haliburton Business Improvement Area to include a larger portion of the downtown core moved forward at the organization's annual general meeting held on Feb. 9.

Presented by BIA executive member and Dysart et al Councillor Andrea Roberts, the proposed expansion is a first for the organization, largely due to previous bylaws prohibiting the BIA from expanding without the risk of dissolving.

"We've been talking about this expansion for the past couple of years," said Roberts.

Created in 1988, the Haliburton BIA includes businesses located along Highland Street and York Street between Cedar Avenue and Oak Avenue.

Historically the BIA could only expand its boundaries under the condition the original organization was dissolved, however, Roberts explained as of 2006, when the Municipal Act was updated, that part was scrapped.

"We weren't ready to propose this expansion earlier, however, now the BIA is stronger," said Roberts.

If the expansion does not go through the current BIA would remain unaffected.

In order for the expansion to move forward no more than one third of the proposed property additions could object to being included in the BIA, she said.

"That is a minimum requirement [under legislation] and this council would have a hard time passing the bylaw if even only a quarter of the businesses weren't in favour. So it's the executive's job to go out and make sure they have compliance," said Roberts in a later interview.

Members from the BIA executive were seeking input at the AGM on where the new boundaries should extend.

"I think we will vote on pursuing the expansion," said Luke Schell, former BIA vice-chairperson who was later voted chairperson.

Discussions ensued on extending the boundary west to County Road 1, north to Sunnyside Street, east to Pine Street and south to Mountain Street.

The proposed area could potentially include more than 20 additional assessed properties into the BIA.

"We have to go and talk to these people," said BIA member Andy Glecoff.

"And we have been," said Roberts.

"If we're going to do this we only want to do it once, let's do it right," said Glecoff.

"Fifty years from now, if you look at different towns, it



The BIA currently encompasses the shaded area along Highland Street. Proposed plans to expand the BIA extend west to County Rd. 1, north to Sunnyside Street, east to Pine Street and south to Mountain Street.



**The whole point of this is to make the association stronger.** — *Andy Glecoff*

all turns into commercial area," said BIA administrator Jim Frost.

"The whole point of this is to make the association stronger," said Glecoff.

Roberts informed those present that many of the proposed businesses had already been spoken to and had given positive feedback.

"I make a motion to pursue the expansion as defined tonight," said Schell.

"All we're doing today is setting boundaries," said Roberts.

The BIA accepted the proposed expansion, which will now be brought forth to the businesses affected before being presented as a letter of request to council in September with specific boundaries outlined.

Pending approval from council, a bylaw approving the expansion will be passed.

The BIA is suggesting that new businesses ease into paying the annual levy, starting by paying only 25 per cent of the cost in the first year before eventually working up to 100 per cent by the fourth year.

The meeting also included an update on the Highland Street hydro project from Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey said the county of Haliburton is facing a number of issues including a weak economy, uneven access to high-speed Internet, a push for a community pool and most importantly, in his opinion, the need for more affordable housing.

Fearrey addressed the pressing issue of a proposed Hydro One project that would see the lines along Highland Street buried underground, beginning this spring pending approval.

"For as long as I've been involved with the township, which goes back to the early 1970s, I've heard about getting rid of hydro lines and bringing the street into the 21st century," said Fearrey.

The project, he said, is still pending approval from Bell and Hydro One and that it might not happen this year.

"We know you're in business and I know it's tough out there. We don't want you to lose business," said Fearrey.

Glecoff asked when the municipality would know something definite, to which Fearrey responded in approximately three weeks.

A special presentation to BIA members was made by Jerelyn Craden, who was hired by the association in 2010 to coordinate the newly branded ColourFest event.

Craden's presentation, Smart Marketing in Crazy Times, outlined tips on how to attract and retain new business along with bringing new visitors to Haliburton.

"One thing that is really obvious to me is we need to do our best to put Haliburton on the map," said Craden, who pointed out only one out of 10 people surveyed in the GTA had heard of Haliburton.

Current trends, said Craden, were leaning towards creating an experienced-based economy rather than actual products. The shift in attitude, said Craden, highlights to customers that you care.

"People are looking for stories more than owning things. What is the experience you give your customers?"

A report from treasurer Janet Sheehy showed the association was in good financial standing, partially as a result of additional grants received for Colourfest.

The meeting concluded with the election of three new members to the BIA executive. A meeting with the new executive was held following the AGM.

The 2011/12 executive includes: Luke Schell, chairperson, Nelly Ashworth, vice-chairperson, Janet Sheehy, treasurer, Andrea Roberts, councillor, Melinda O'Mara, Ray Langdon, Andy Glecoff, Maarten Steinkamp, Tim Degeer and Jim Frost, administrator.

## County councillors sour on idea of Rail Trail consultants

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It looks like the county will be turning back to the public for input on the management of the Rail Trail.

While councillors on the economic development committee had discussed in January sending out a request for proposal for consultants to do a study for a new Rail Trail master plan, at a Feb. 9 committee meeting, they changed direction.

"I've been doing a lot of thinking," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told his colleagues, adding that what he had to say might make them upset.

Fearrey reiterated what an ongoing and complicated matter managing the corridor has been for the county and said he didn't know if it was really necessary to hire a consultant at this point in time.

"You know, what we're doing is not going to fix it," he

said.

Another study would only further polarize the trail's various user groups, Fearrey reasoned.

Those groups, which promote both motorized and non-motorized activities, have long squabbled over who should be allowed on the trail and when they should be allowed on.

Fearrey thought the government and the user groups should be able to reach consensus on their own.

"I think there's enough common sense in this county to do that," he said, adding he'd rather see the money that would have been spent on another study go towards improvements to the trail itself.

"I don't disagree," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who had issues with some of the language that had been used in the draft RFP, which she found to be confrontational.

Moffatt has said the county's role in the saga of the Rail Trail should not be one of mediation or humouring user

groups, but rather finding out what sort of vision the majority of the community has for the corridor and working towards that.

Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairwoman Barb Reid had said at last month's meeting that she didn't think proceeding with another consultant's report was a good spend.

Last week, Reid said councillors must agree that the Rail Trail is going to be a multi-use trail.

Moffatt said some user groups might have to be excluded if they didn't fit the community vision.

Fearrey commented that for 15 years, the county had run the trail just fine and that it seemed all the problems had started after it started dealing with studies.

While at one time the county did have a Rail Trail management committee comprised of politicians and representatives from various user groups, it was disbanded two years ago after being deemed ineffective.



# Public discussion tackles rural health-care issues

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

More than 40 people attended a public consultation held on Feb. 8 at the Haliburton Legion set to tackle the persistent health-care issues faced by those living in rural and northern Ontario communities.

Facilitated by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson and Guelph-Wellington MPP Liz Sandals, the discussion on health care was just one of many held across the province.

"I want to thank you all for coming," said Johnson during his opening remarks.

"When I was first approached to do this I said I would love to on the condition that one of the consultations was held in Haliburton. So far this is the largest turnout we've had in the province, which I think justifies us coming here."

Open to all, the consultation drew a number of politicians, health-care providers and various organization representatives.

Centred around a table-talk discussion format, the afternoon included tackling issues such as non-urgent transportation needs, access to specialized services and primary care.

Reoccurring themes became prevalent early on during the event, including the lack of transportation services in the area and access to services.

The public consultation dealt with the Rural and Northern Health Care Panel's Stage 1 Report, which was released in November 2010 and lists 12 recommendations regarding the delivery of health care in rural and northern communities across the province.

"We want to hear what advice you can offer the panel," said Foster Loucks, chairperson of the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

"We want to hear from as many people as possible."

Johnson informed those in attendance the purpose of the consultation was to analyze the provincial report that was released last fall and make suggestions.

"Have we got this right?" asked the local MPP.

Johnson clarified that neither he nor Sandals was involved in writing the report and were not there to defend it.

While local media were initially asked to leave follow-



**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson, left, and Guelph-Wellington MPP Liz Sandals stand outside the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 on Feb. 8. Johnson and Sandals visited Haliburton to facilitate a public panel discussion on health-care issues faced in rural communities.

ing the opening remarks after much discussion and debate with Johnson and Sandals it was agreed reporters could stay under the condition personal health stories were not reported on.

During the consultation the topic of resources was brought up and local resident Gay Bell stressed the need for a community pool and recreational centre.

Haliburton Highland Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush brought up the need for more medical spaces in the

schools.

"We have a publicly funded health-care system," said Rosebush. "There needs to be resources allocated to rural communities."

The suggestion of pursuing a more centralized approach to rural health care was also raised.

"We need to work on coordinating planning," said Rosebush.

"We also need to raise our voices," said Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time children and youth services. "There are certain issues in rural areas that aren't elsewhere."

"We cannot forget that we have the lowest family income in the province," said Dale Robinson, chairman of the HHHS board. "We can't be fooled by the palatial estates on the waterfront."

One of the ongoing needs for a rural community such as Haliburton County is the lack of specialized services provided locally, thus resulting in an increased strain on transportation services.

"Non-urgent transportation is a huge issue in Haliburton County," said Pat Kennedy, EMS director for the county.

According to a 2010 review of EMS services that Kennedy presented to county council on Feb. 9, the number of out-of-county urgent and emergency transfers continues to rise, with ambulances having spent more than 1,700 hours out of the county in 2010.

As a result one of the challenges EMS faces for 2011, according to Kennedy, is the number of non-urgent patient transfers outside of the county, primarily for diagnostic testing not available locally.

Subsidies for trips to Peterborough to alleviate strains on local EMS were among a list of suggestions made at the public consultation, along with moving towards tele-health medicine.

"This is a great exercise we're doing here today," said Kennedy. "My biggest concern is whatever comes out of this let's do something."

Areas in which participants believed the report was lacking included a focus on prevention and recognizing social determinants of health, the aging population, long-term care and resources for children such as physical and speech therapy.

"I want to thank all of you for taking the time to be here," said Johnson. "This is such a huge and important issue."

## Plans for affordable housing project approved

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

*The following are briefs from the Dysart council meeting on Monday, Feb. 7.*

Dysart is supporting a new affordable housing project for seniors and families, which is headed by the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

The proposed property is owned by the municipality and is on the former Ministry of Environment property on County Road 21.

The project will include four buildings providing 36 units.

One will be a two-storey apartment-style building for seniors including 24 one-bedroom units, each measuring 52-square-metres (or 600 sq. feet).

The other three buildings will be in a townhouse design for families.

It will have three to four bedrooms per building.

Pending funding for the project, an application for an affordable housing project is the first step to giving low-income earners and seniors a new housing opportunity in Haliburton.

### Council goes before OMB

Council has approved staff recommendation to engage the services of a municipal solicitor to defend a decision by the committee of adjustment at the Ontario Municipal Board.

During a routine inspection for a building permit to property owner Barbara Percival, who owns a waterfront lot on Watts Road on Little Kennis Lake, the chief building official "noted several zoning infractions" and issued a work order on May 10, 2010.

The infractions were the second floor of the private garage was converted to a private cabin without the proper building permit and was too large; she had two more than the two allowed accessory buildings and the shed at the shoreline did not comply with the water setback.

Percival then converted the second storey of the private garage to storage to comply and made an application for a minor variance to address the two remaining infractions to the committee of adjustment.

The committee compromised and allowed for three buildings, but the variance for the water setback of the shed was denied where section 5.1.2 of the Dysart Official Plan applies.

Percival appealed the committee's decision on Jan. 24, 2011.

### Dysart is seeking grant money for waterworks upgrades

An application by Dysart council has been sent for the Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program to help with upgrading the wastewater treatment facilities.

The ASI Group provided council with a report of the capital expenditures and the payback result of replacing the power converters at five of the wastewater pumping stations and the upgrading of the aeration blowers from mechanical to digital control.

With a total cost of close to \$123,000, the report states there is a potential to save close to \$24,000 annually after a payback period of two years for the blowers and 1.6 years for the pumping station.

The report states without OSWAP the pay back would be more than six years for the blowers while the period would be just less than five years for the pumping stations.

Dysart expect OSWAP to pay for two-thirds of the total estimated costs.

The report's findings were based on current electricity prices.



# points of view

## Trail needs a plan

**M**URRAY FEARREY'S RIGHT: the county doesn't need a consultant's report on the Rail Trail.

It needs a vision and some courage.

While there are times when consultants' reports are crucial to organizing opinions, collecting facts and determining next steps, in this case, such an undertaking is unnecessary.

Because at this point, we know what needs to be known about the controversial corridor stretching from Haliburton to Kinmount.

(If you haven't been paying attention to the debate, it goes like this: the county runs the trail that the railroad used to occupy. Users include ATVers, pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and snowmobilers. Motorbikes [Enduro bikes] are banned. All of the groups listed want to use the trail, while some would prefer others not be allowed for reasons such as noise, pollution, trail damage and dangerous driving.)

It really comes down to whether we – represented by our county councillors – see the trail as a 33-kilometre-long park (to be enjoyed quietly, preserving the natural ambience) or as a recreational route to be used by everyone, whether they be on bicycle or motorcycle.

There are nuances to the argument, but generally, this is what county councillors are contending with.

At this point, a decision has to be made.

That doesn't mean no more thought or information gathering should be done.

There absolutely needs to be a well-crafted plan for the trail – another master plan – that clearly takes a stand on the pathway.

Feeding into that plan should be any submissions the various user groups want to give.

ATVers would have the chance to prove the economic impact they bring by using the Rail Trail as a travel route.

Cyclists could outline the difficulties in riding a path chewed up by motorized vehicles.

Trail-side residents could present the research on disruptive decibel levels generated by (still banned) motorbikes.

Environmentalists could catalogue the species found and potentially disrupted if the trail was not cared for.

And when all of that is done, our eight councillors would sit down and – finally – take a stand.

No, we don't need a consultant to deal with this trail, but we do need a plan and a little bit of will.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



**Up Bethel Road**

photo by Darren Lum

## Wave me in

**I**'M NOT SURE WHY I have this overwhelming fascination with waves but for some reason I do.

And when I say waves I'm not talking about the kind you create by running your hand through water (although I have nothing against them) nor the ones resonating invisibly past our collective ears known otherwise as sounds (and who's to say they're really even there?).

What I mean are the waves that start somewhere around your shoulders and end somewhere near the tips of your fingers.

These innocuous physical gestures might seem trivial enough but in reality are so meaningful and telling about who you are as a person and a waver.

I'm guessing you probably don't think about it much but have you ever considered your own personal signature wave? While we all have a small variety of waves to choose from, without knowing it there is one in your repertoire you're most comfortable using.

That, in effect, is your wave.

The first golden rule in regards to waves is that the further up your arm it starts the more sincere and meaningful the actual wave is.

Try a wave using nothing more than the pivot of your wrist and see if you can evoke something really heartfelt.

Can't huh?

Now wave from your elbow; then try one from the shoulder.

The last one could welcome home

ships while the first one is tepid at best (the Queen of England owns that one by the way).

Another rule of waving is this: only women can wave utilizing their fingers in individual movements (akin to stroking a cat's neck).

Men are allowed to wave using one finger (the cool/uncool point wave) or the entire hand but cannot, I repeat cannot, introduce selective finger movements into the wave.

While I'm all for balancing genders, permitting men to wave in this manner denigrates us both as a gender

and a species.

By now I'm guessing you're pondering your own wave technique.

What you'll soon realize is that the overwhelming majority of us cannot wave without looking like absolute gimps.

Some of us employ what I call the How Wave which – to illustrate – is like trying to show someone that you have grape jelly stuck to the base of your palm.

Most can't wave without adding spastic head or face movements as well. The two most popular here are the Head Drop (hand goes up, head goes down) or the Smirk (in which you try to make your mouth reach literally from ear to ear).

So ultimately what does all this wave self-examination mean?

I suppose it means that some of us spend way too much time thinking about stuff like this.



**Charlie Teljeur**  
Thinking Small



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# points of view

## Litter-ature

ONE DAY, if science ever gets serious about helping mankind, research – and I mean tons of research – will be done on the litter box habits of cats.

There are, after all, so many questions to answer.

Mostly, I'd like to know why cats are the only animals that prefer to do their business in a box filled with sand-like particles. When you think about it, this doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

I mean, why can't they foul fresh, clean water, just like us highly evolved creatures?



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales

Pooping in a litter box is particularly troubling to me – not that I've tried it recently.

No, I just find it intriguing, especially since every other living being (with the exception of anyone who wears a thong) goes out of its way to avoid getting grit near those regions.

So why would cats do otherwise?

Well, my personal thought is that cats are just trying to show us how tough they really are.

But they are also letting us know that they are not that bright.

I mean, do they really think they are actually fooling anyone by burying it?

They certainly don't deceive any dog that is in the immediate vicinity. To a dog, litter-coated cat poop is the highest form of candy. My dog, in fact, looks at cats as if they are some type of mobile vending machine. I'm sure this is why dogs love scaring the crap out of cats, by the way.

I know. None of this is pretty.

But you have to admit that these are strange toilet habits. And I think a creature's toilet habits say a lot about them.

For instance, a friend of mine who is a trapper told me that otters will often poop on and around a stick that's poking through the ice. Unless I'm reading this wrong, this suggests that otters are often constipated. Or have a strong disdain for beavers.

Dogs, on the other hand, will save their poop to achieve maximum embarrassment for you. A neighbour's lawn, a public park, the vet's office, a new carpet – all these things are a blank canvas for a creative dog.

A budgie, on the other hand, has no respect for fine literature, which is why most prefer to perch directly overtop of my column.

Getting back to cats. A lot of people will say that a feline's preference to do its business in a litter box is proof-positive that it is a clean animal. Well, I could almost agree, except for one thing.

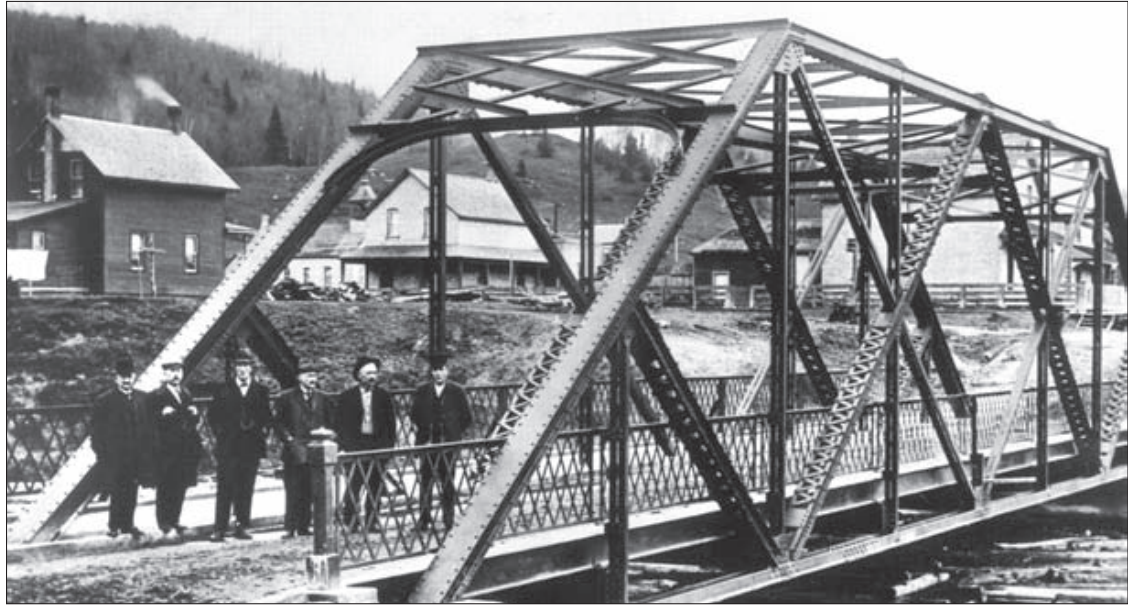
Every now and then, when you look at a litter box, one thing, aside from the smell, stands out. That's right, no matter how well trained the cat, on occasion, it will decide to poop on the floor beside the litter box.

Make no mistake. This is a conscious decision. It's what they are thinking about when they are on the couch purring.

Invariably, the cat will do this from a comfortable stance inside the litter box. Why? Maybe they just have a warped sense of humour. Or perhaps they are just taking a dog's special order for non-coated candy. Who knows?

Then again, it could be that the cat in question has decided that he ought to put this out as a warning to anyone who decides to enter his personal space. Or it just might want to remind you that it can and will make life hell for you if you don't rub its belly.

Until more research is done, we'll never know. But, at least, it's proof-positive that, sometimes, even cats think outside of the box.



### pic of the past

The "Black Bridge" on Highland Street in Haliburton was erected in 1912. Members of the local council, from left, Reeve William Laking, John Lucas, Henry Brohm, Daniel Gorrie, William "Curly Bill" Roberts and clerk George Potts view the latest improvement to the village. It was projects like this one that sparked the Dysart separatist movement, an organization of township ratepayers who resented seeing their tax dollars spent on village projects. This bridge across the Drag River was replaced in the mid 1970s. Our thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for the loan of the original picture (#13).

### letters to the editor

## Grateful for letting two old chums chat

To the Editor,

A few weeks ago, a colleague of mine drove for a few hours on a dark, cold night to meet me for an annual visit and supper at McKecks – The Blue Line.

It was a Wednesday night, but the place was busy, so we took a small table at the back. We intensely discussed family, interesting cases and the current state of the health-care system – so we didn't notice the time. At about 9:30, I looked up and saw only the two young ladies who worked there. I asked: "When do you close?" One of them said, "about an hour ago. You guys were having such a great chat, we didn't want to interrupt you."

This doesn't sound like much, but it meant a great deal to me – this typical Haliburton kindness.

I don't know the young women's names (I swear they're 12 years old! However, one told me she's married). It was on Jan. 26 and I want them to know how very touching their thoughtfulness was. My buddy and I don't connect too often, so our visit was important to both of us. Thanks again, girls!

**Rene Benoit**  
Haliburton

PS Neither of the two servers are patients of mine [at the optometry office]. They don't know me, so that made their generous acts all the more appreciated.

## We need heat during day

*The following letter was sent to Hydro One customer operations.*

Dear Sir,

I recently received the notice that effective Feb. 23, 2011, I will be charged TOU [time of use] electricity rates. Upon reviewing the winter rates, I feel that I am being penalized by Hydro One for the following reason. My house is heated by electric baseboard heaters and my wife and I are retired and over 75 years old. Hence, we use our house during the day. At the present time, we turn the thermostat down two to five degrees at night. This is the opposite encouraged by the TOU rates, which is unsatisfactory to us.

There may be other families like us heating with electricity such as retirees and families with preschool children. Were we considered by you when establishing the TOU rates?

I think families like us should be exempt from the TOU rates or be considered for some sort of subsidy.

You should be able to identify the customers who use electric heat from their smart meter readings and a follow-up visit to check if they are daytime residents.

My suggestion is for you to revert to the old rates for the winter months for your customers using electric heat that live in their homes during the daytime.

Hoping to receive a favourable reply to my concerns.

**Jack Cox**  
Haliburton

**More letters to the Editor on page 8**



# letters

## Take advantage of DYMO

To the Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of Haliburtonians a wonderful service for seniors, provided by Community Care.

Once a week, the DYMO bus arrives at one's doorstep and for a reasonable fee, seniors are taken to the bank, post office, grocery and drug stores for shopping within Haliburton Village.

If needed, a stop at the health centre for a blood test is also included. The passengers like to stop for lunch at the Kosy Korner. It rounds up the trip and makes for good companionship. Once all the shopping is completed, the bus brings the seniors back to their homes.

I consider myself extremely lucky to be able to participate in this service.

The unsung heroine of this venture, however, is the bus driver Marie Smith.

Compassionate and kind, Mrs. Smith is a "voluntary caregiver" for the over 90 and 80 plus seniors. Marie carries heavy grocery bags on and off the bus and inside homes, always with a smile and a kind word. She always marks special days and holidays with small gifts for her charges of whom she is genuinely fond, and they, in turn, are very appreciative and care for her as well. If, at any time, there is recognition or an award for an outstanding local citizen, Marie Smith should not be forgotten.

It is people like her who make Haliburton such a special place to live in.

**L Dobrzensky  
Haliburton**



If it wasn't for the help and support from the community, HHSS wouldn't have been able to put on shows. /Photo submitted

## Thank you for generous community support

To the Editor,

The HHSS drama classes and teachers would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community theatre groups, dance companies and numerous individuals who have done so much to support our drama and theatre productions at HHSS.

Your generous sharing/loans of stage pieces, props, costumes and expertise is greatly appreciated and your willingness to help transport, build and share "your stuff" has made all the difference to our school productions.

We showcased two wonderful plays this fall: *Deathtrap* and the *Rocky Monster Horror Show* and our success has been largely due to your

generous and creative contributions.

Many thanks and kudos to: Haliburton Summer Festival (set pieces/costumes/props/flats), Dave Mills (mover, shaker/transporter/organizer), Brian Kipping (costumes/props/mentorship, generous time/coaching), Highlands Little Theatre (fog machine, coffin), Curtis Eastmure (truck and transport), Heather Smith (liaison school and community), Heritage Ballet (set pieces, toy box), Haliburton Dance Arts (costumes and choreography).

We greatly appreciate your tremendous support! Our productions would not have been the same without you!

**Elke Zilla**

## Liberals are ready to fight

To the Editor,

After five years of Harper government, Canadians are worse off. Harper's priorities seem limited to \$16 billion fighter jets and tax cuts for the largest corporations at a time when Canada's corporate tax rates are already among the lowest in the G7 and also a full 25 per cent below those of the U.S.

Meanwhile there is a great divide developing among Canadians, with the rich getting richer, family incomes stagnating and pressures on families and seniors increasing. Harper continues to spend taxpayers' money as if there were no tomorrow, but it's definitely NOT for the benefit of working Canadians.

Michael Ignatieff and a Liberal-led government will make different choices.

Liberals will cancel the \$16-billion fighter jets and save billions by replacing the CF-18s in an open competition.

Liberals will cancel cuts in tax rates for large corporations.

We will reinvest the savings that result from these actions into reducing the deficit and in helping to solve some of the basic issues Canadian families are struggling with: pensions, learning, health and family care.

These are the priorities for which the Liberal Party will fight.

**Bob MacMorran  
President**

**Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Federal Liberal Association**

## Delve into Gooderham's past

To the Editor,

*Re: Pic of the past*

Peter Barr's first store was the building on the right of the picture, the store named in the picture was built after the turn of the 19th century. The store in the centre of the picture was built by Adam Walker about the same time. For a complete history of these buildings

plus more pictures, see my book, *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past* - available at Master's Book Store, Rails End Gallery, Haliburton Museum, Agnew's Store, Gooderham Library, Kinmount Artisans Gallery and Minden Museum or from the author, call 705-447-2977 for directions.

**Elva V. Bates  
Gooderham**

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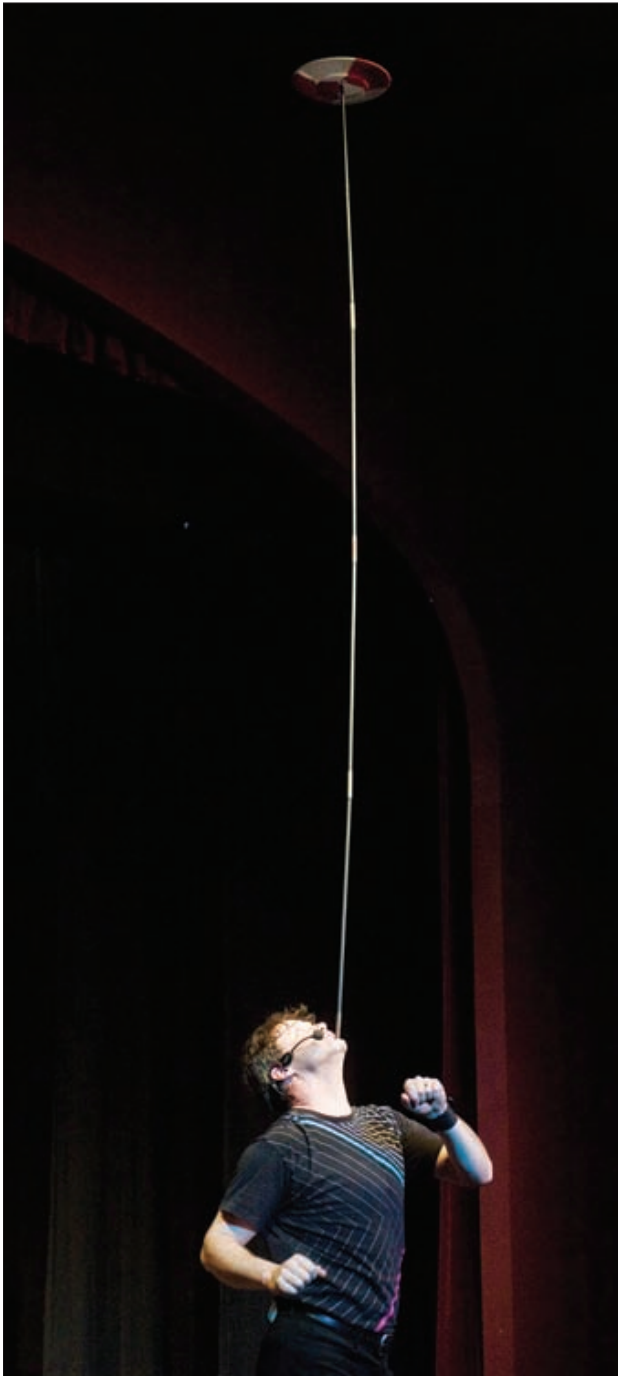
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### Kids have fun at Fizzical Fizzicks show

Above, right, Kristi Heath shakes the head of a young participant to demonstrate the motion of vibration during the Razzamatazz Kids Shows' Fizzical Fizzicks at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Feb. 6.

At left, performer Greg Tarlin balances a plate high above him, demonstrating rotation.

Below, an inflated square is tossed between two participants to demonstrate linear motion.

Darren Lum Echo staff



#### Call for Choreographers and Bands for Dusk Dances in Haliburton

Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking a work created by a choreographer from the Haliburton County area. We are looking for a 10 minute site-specific dance piece for the program using local young people. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer to conduct a creation process with youth participants and to mount the performance July 28-July 31, 2010 in Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

We are also seeking a local band or musical group that can attract an audience of all ages to perform as the opening act for Dusk Dances. A fee will be paid for four ½ hour performances.

**Deadline for submissions: Monday March 7, 2011.**

For a copy the terms of reference contact:  
Daniela Pagliaro at [daniela.p@sympatico.ca](mailto:daniela.p@sympatico.ca)

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# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Duplicate Bridge



**Linda Cherry**

Boshkung Lake resident Linda Cherry, 67, has been playing duplicate bridge for 10 years. She first learned to play in Toronto. While she's never won a medal before, Cherry's best performance in the qualifying rounds for Winterfest, has enabled her to compete in what she describes as, "an exciting competition!"



**Joan Galley**

Haliburton resident Joan Galley, 76, is a real "sport." With 30 years under her belt as a duplicate bridge player, she was back playing just two weeks after experiencing a stroke during her first hand at Winterfest 2009. She's won first place several times in local games and claims it keeps her mind sharp.



**Bruce Armstrong**

Bruce Armstrong, 89, has been playing duplicate bridge since 1985. A Haliburton resident, he learned to play at the old drop-in centre where Community Care now stands. A competitor in Actifest Ontario Senior Games and local competitions, Armstrong has won ribbons in a variety of sports. Best performance: second place in Haliburton Senior Games 2010, for duplicate bridge.



**Gordon Cochrane**

Gord Cochrane, 66, is a newbie to duplicate bridge, relearning the game two years ago in Haliburton, having last played seriously as a teenager. "Duplicate bridge is a wonderful game because it really stretches the brain," Cochrane said. Holding dual-citizenship, Cochrane lives half the year in a suburb of Chicago and half in the Highlands.



### Table Tennis

**Hans Walter**

Minden resident, Hans Walter, 61, has been an avid table tennis player since learning the sport in Germany where he competed well into his teens. Holidays often find him in casual competitions with his best performance in "singles" winning top honours. Winterfest is his first competition in Canada.

**Nuriya Kohanova**

Minden resident Nuriya Kohanova, learned to play table tennis as a teen in Kazakhstan. A partner in life with her partner in sport, Hans Walter, she has been practising at home in anticipation of her first competition in Canada - Winterfest!



### Prediction Skate

**Ron Barr**

Irondale resident Ron Barr, 72, has been skating since his teens. A 22-year board member of the Haliburton/Muskoka Senior Games, he has been both convener and competitor for the past five years. Barr won gold for prediction skating finishing within 38 seconds of his 3-km prediction skate.

**Elaine Anderson**

Wilberforce resident, Elaine Anderson is a self-taught skater who looks to Olympic athletes for inspiration. A third-place medalist in bid euchre in the 2008 seniors' summer games, Anderson also competed in 2010 in prediction walking. She is excited about competing in the prediction skate event at Winterfest for the first time.

### Nordic Time Trial 75+



**Peter Brogden**

Maple Lake resident, Peter Brogden, 76, began back-country skiing in 1966 in Gatineau Park, Ottawa. A gold medalist at Winterfest 2000 for Prediction Skiing, Brogden recounts: "With little snow to ski on people were shoveling under our skis as we were skiing." This year he will compete in Nordic Time Trial 75+.



### Curling



**Jack Taylor**

Minden resident and skip, Jack Taylor, a curler for 15 of his 70 years, hopes to make "a good showing" at Winterfest. Active in numerous bonspiels, his team came in first place overall in Oshawa and Port Parry in 2008. A member of the Minden Seniors Curling Club, Taylor's best performance was the play-downs against Haliburton for the Winterfest games. See team on pg. 12.



# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Nordic Prediction Skiing 55+



**Jack Cox**

Jack Cox, 79, Haliburton resident and member of the Haliburton Nordic Ski Club since 1980, (and past club president), is a self-taught skier. Having competed in District Senior Winter Games from 2000 to 2007, Cox is excited about making it to Winterfest for the first time! His best performance is five kilometres in 41 minutes.



**Margaret Brogden**

A resident of Maple Lake, Margaret Brogden, 75, learned to ski in 1966 in Gatineau Park, Ottawa. She joins her husband, Peter, as a gold medalist at Winterfest 2000 for Prediction Skiing. This will be her second major competition.



**Sheila Ziman**

Sheila Ziman, 61, who makes her home near Maple Lake, has been cross-country skiing for over 40 years. Self-taught with a stint of lessons at Mount Saint Anne in Quebec, her most accurate prediction to date was moving to the country. Now, a resident of Haliburton, Ziman will compete for the first time in prediction skiing.



**Pauline Plooard**

Minden resident, Pauline Plooard, 68, has been cross-country skiing for 40 years. A competitor in the Ontario Senior Winter Games in 2004 and 2006, her best performance is within two minutes of the predicted time.



Profiles  
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### Alpine Skiing



**Doris Pierson**

Doris Pierson, 80, will be competing where she usually practises at Sir Sam's ski hill, directly across from her Eagle Lake residence. Self-taught at 13, Pierson holds a Level 2 Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance certificate. Having won gold, silver and bronze in Sir Sam's Sunday Challenge, her best time: 30 seconds.



**Victor Ettel**

Soyers Lake resident Victor Ettel, 73, learned to ski when he was six in the Czech Republic where he won the National championship for downhill racing at age 17. Having competed with younger downhill skiers in Sir Sam's Challenge, he finished first, twice in Category 45+, and is proud of it!



**Bill Lithgow**

Bill Lithgow, 55, has been skiing for 40 years. Originally self-taught, this Minden resident holds a Level 3 ski instructor certificate. A first-time competitor in the Winterfest Senior Games, Lithgow will be competing on the same hill where he teaches. His fastest time there: 23 to 30 seconds.



# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Curling team

The team members, from left, are Winn Taylor (lead), Steve Robson (second), Audrey Robson (vice) and Jack Taylor (skip). The team represent the Minden Curling Club.

### Hockey 55+ team

From left to right  
Rear row standing  
Dave Dollo, Ian Wilson, Ted Vasey, Gary Burtch, Jurrie Hoakstra, Steve Roberts, Bob Woodcock, Ray Luck.

Front row, kneeling,  
Bev Hicks, Rick Wood, Ron Strype, George Porter, Jim Winn, Larry Kent, Darrel Stamp.

Absent: Brian Sacks, Greg Ross.



### Hockey 65+ team

From the left in the back row: Frank Powers, Ron May, Gary Brohman, Blair Johnston, Larry Kalynuk, Chuck Sneath, Paul Cunningham.  
From the left in the front row: Norris Turner, Sherdon Kellett, Jim Hinkson, Neil Cutler, Ron Earle and Grant Clayton.  
Absent: Bill Watson, Leroy Mowat, Glen Smith, Wayne Hogaboam.



# Senior games covered like never before

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County is bringing the Ontario Senior Winter Games into the new millennium.

These games are expected to be the most connected and most documented of all the games since they were first held in 1986.

Mike Jaycock, who is a co-chair of marketing and communications for the games' with Amy Brohm, said there is going to be information available through the games' main website and updates through Twitter approximately an hour after events, including thousands of images taken by a team of photographers, who will have images posted to the photo sharing website Flickr.

This will give a picture of the games unlike anything that has ever been recorded, he said.

As a result of the Bell Canada sponsorship, these games will be the most connected with more than 30 mobile telephones made available to the games, which were given to volunteers stationed at all the events.

This will enable up-to-date event postings for the main website and include tweets through its Twitter account.

"As soon as a gold medal game is complete the information can be called in," he said.

There will be a team of close to 15 people at the games' office in Haliburton posting information about the games, including its webmaster Andy Mosher.

He said the public could expect update postings to end 30 minutes before an evening event.

As far as contingency plans, Jaycock said past games and information provided by the Sport Alliance of Ontario organization that supports sporting events such as Ontario

Games were like a "road map" to follow in order to avoid any potential problems.

He and the team are confident, but said if a problem is to occur they are ready to resolve it.

The Highland Media Arts team will document the entire event and present their finished video, complete with commentary, at the closing night ceremonies.

It's expected this video will be available free on DVD after the games.

For the first time ever the organizers of Winterfest will use Flickr to document the three-day event that celebrates athletic excellence for seniors.

The photographers, who vary from professional to serious amateur, are excited about their opportunity to document the event and to contribute to their community.

"It allows you to practise your hobby while contributing to the community at the same

time. It's a unique circumstance," said Kim Emmerson.

This is not only the first time he has photographed an alpine event, but an event of this magnitude. Emmerson, who is the webmaster of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, has advanced his photography skills in the past four years.

Like the more than 300 volunteers for the games Emmerson and the other photographers will be wearing a red scarf with the games' logo.

Jaycock said some of the photos, which will be organized by sport and the photographer, will be expected to be up the Friday following the games. With at least eight photographers on their roster, there is a high likelihood that there will be a few thousand images available for free when everything is scheduled to be posted on Feb. 28.

## What do the games mean to Haliburton County's economy?

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Winterfest organizing committee is trying to gauge how much money this week's games bring into Haliburton County.

A number of the games' 800 participants will be surveyed using the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM), a project

of the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance.

Surveys, done on small, handheld electronic devices, will be completed by athletes in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce.

"Where did you buy gas? Where did you stay?" said games manager Myke Malone, rhyming off some of the types of questions involved in the survey.

Malone, who also organized the 2010

Ontario Youth Winter Games in Muskoka, said STEAM surveys had been conducted there as well and that, as far as the games' economic impacts was concerned, "our estimates came pretty close."

Malone said the estimated economic impact for the county from this week's three-day event is approximately \$850,000.

A large portion of that - \$600,000 - came

from the committee's own budget, which it spent in numerous ways from the locally made medals, to signage, to food and accommodation.

"So that's definite," Malone said.

He estimates athletes and their entourages will spend about \$250,000 in the county this week. It will likely take four to six weeks to receive the results of the survey.

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# Winterfest games made possible with help from community

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

More than 8,000 meals will be served throughout Haliburton County between Feb. 15-17 as organizers and volunteers of the Ontario Senior Games prepare to feed an army of hungry athletes and volunteers.

With the event drawing participants from 29 districts, a games record, Winterfest organizers turned to the community of Haliburton for some assistance during what is expected to be three jam-packed days.

According to organizers, more than 300 volunteers are helping to implement the event through various committees and capacities.

Volunteer committees include marketing and communications, sponsorship and fundraising, special events, operations and logistics, registration, hospitality and protocol and administration and finance.

Along with the volunteers, additional not-for-profit organizations were sourced to assist with meal preparations through a tendering process.

Among the organizations pitching in is the Haliburton Legion, with volunteers from the ladies auxiliary anticipating a couple of early mornings.

"The ladies auxiliary are making the breakfast and lunches on Wednesday and Thursday," said Legion presi-

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**It'll be a good couple of days here and a good time for the town.**

— Carla Watson

dent Carla Watson.

According to Watson, volunteers will be feeding the players of seven hockey teams scheduled to play at the Dysart arena on those days.

"They were asking me what time I'm going to be here in the morning to let them in," joked Watson. "I told them I'm not coming in at five in the morning but that the cleaner would let them in."

The breakfasts are scheduled to be served at 7 a.m. according to Watson, who said there were even discussions around preparations beginning at 4 a.m.

"It'll be a good couple of days here and a good time for the town," said Watson.

Other participating organizations include the Rotary Club of Minden, Haliburton Curling Club, Minden Curling Club, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Haliburton High School Culinary Students, St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, Minden United Church and the Wilberforce Ladies Auxiliary.



## Winterfest volunteers train

Don Geall, above, Winterfest co-chair and Sharon Petrisor, below, registration chair, addressed some of the Winterfest volunteers at the first of four scheduled training sessions.

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# Community makes impossible possible

Jenn Watt  
Editor

The community has been, in a word, "amazing."

Fifty days after her husband fell through a deck at the construction site he worked on, paralyzing him from the chest down, Heather Taylor, 38, has received thousands of dollars, dozens of meals and hundreds of volunteer hours from family, friends, co-workers and complete strangers.

"I can't say enough about friends and my family helping," Heather said in an interview last week.

She was able to find time for a reporter in what has become a nearly impossible schedule of work and visits with her husband, Stuart, 33, who is still in the intensive care unit at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

The nearly impossible made possible because of the support of her parents – Lorna and Doug McCabe, who take care of her two young sons while she is away – and the teachers at the local schools, who have been cooking meals for the family.

Not to mention the donations and well wishes coming from the high school she teaches at in Bancroft and Stuart's friends, who held a big fundraising dance for them in Gooderham.

At North Hastings High School, the principal put a message up on the school's website informing the community of Heather's situation. Donations and cards poured in.

Then Heather heard from the students.

The Native studies club had a surprise for her.

The group, led by Heather, was planning a trip to Nunavut together in the spring, but had decided they couldn't go without her.

All of the fundraising they had done for the trip – about \$2,000 – was going to Heather and her boys Alex, 9, and Colt, 12.

She could hardly hold back tears as she heard the news.

Ever since Stuart fell while working on a



Stuart Taylor is still in hospital after a fall more than a month ago.

house on Kennisis Lake Dec. 21, hitting his head and severely injuring his spinal cord, Heather has been spending every Wednesday to Sunday night by his side in the hospital.

Ironically, she says, he has been her support system, joking and comforting her as best he can.

Heather has to read her husband's lips, since he is attached to a ventilator. (She learned through this lip-reading exercise that "ice cube" and "Javex" look very much alike, leading to a few confusing exchanges.)

"Stuart makes it easy to be strong, [but] it's a lot harder when he's unconscious," she says, referring to the past week, when doctors had to heavily sedate him after he suddenly took a turn for the worse.

"He crashed and [the doctors] were aggressively treating him. They over-inflated his lung and his lung collapsed. They couldn't take him down for a cat scan – he wasn't stable enough – so they did an

ultrasound on him right there at the ICU and they found a blood clot in his lung and a blood clot in his leg. So in addition to everything else he is now a very sick man," she said.

Stuart is also struggling with pneumonia.

Before this most recent decline, Stuart and Heather had developed a kind of peace with his condition.

"We've been having date nights in the hospital and I hooked up a DVD player ... so we could watch a movie together. We watched *Grown Ups* and had quite a chuckle – it was our new normal – it was quite comfortable and I left the hospital thinking, 'I had a good night,' which is something I hadn't been able to say since the accident. It was nice," she says.

Rather than view his paralysis as the end of Stuart's able-bodied life, Heather says she looks at his survival as something to celebrate.

"There are lots of things that Stuart can still do. He's still young. He can still watch his kids grow up. We can still have a perfectly healthy, happy relationship together. Whereas, if the worst happened, I could be planning a funeral and not a different life. I would much rather be planning to have a different lifestyle than I envisioned than to be going to visit him in the cemetery. That's where I get the perspective from," she says.

Not to say there haven't been moments of intense emotion.

When Heather arrived at St. Michael's after hearing about the accident (which initially was thought to be just a shoulder injury), she was confronted by the worst possible scenario: he could die.

"The surgeon came and asked me to sign these consent forms. And I said, 'consent for what? I don't even know what's going on.' He said ... there is a very good chance that Stuart will not survive the surgery," Heather says.

"So when you're looking at that, when you go from there to 'Stuart's going to make it, but he's not going to be able to walk,' it doesn't seem to be that big a deal. From

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— Heather Taylor

that point, I felt like, it doesn't matter what package Stuart comes in, he doesn't have any brain damage, he's still Stuart. Whatever God's left us with."

To accommodate Stuart's condition, the family plans to build a semi-detached house next door to the McCabes.

"We were planning on building a house beside my parents anyways. Ironically, we were going to do that because my parents were getting older ... we thought being close to them, we could be right there to help them out," she says.

"After the accident happened, I was quite upset and said to my dad, 'I guess I can give up on that idea.' [He] said, 'why? You can still build a house, it's just that the old people are looking after you now.' I took a bit of ribbing for calling them old."

Workers' Compensation will pay for assistive devices necessary and some of Stuart's former coworkers at Rodco Enterprises have offered any help they can give.

Heather has only good things to say about Rodco, which she says has been helpful through the process.

Owner of Rodco, Rod Thurston, confirms that he has heard from many of his workers that they're willing to help the Taylors.

"A lot of our employees ... have said that anything that Heather needs ... they're certainly willing to help out," Thurston says.

Thurston attended the fundraiser in Gooderham last month for the family, organized by Jason Stoughton and Gavin Simms, which brought in more than \$8,000.

He says it was a true reflection of the power of small towns.

"The whole thing was just really well done. You stand back and take a look and you are very thankful that you're in a small community."

Heather agrees, saying she's been overwhelmed by the giving nature of both Haliburton and Bancroft.

"You can't fall down when you've got all of those hands around you," she says.

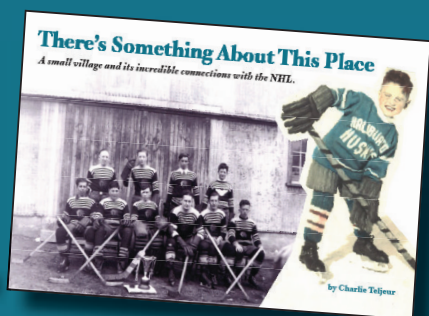
A fundraising event is in the works for the Taylor family to take place in Haliburton, but the details have yet to be released. Watch the *Echo* for more details in the coming months or see [www.mckecks.ca](http://www.mckecks.ca).

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Duplicate Bridge	Royal Resort	9:00– 4:00
Ice Hockey	Haliburton, Minden & Wilberforce Arenas	8:00– 5:00
Nordic Ski	Glebe Park, Haliburton	11:00– 1:00
Prediction Skating	Dysart Arena, Haliburton	10:00– 12:00
Table Tennis	Minden Community Centre	9:00– 4:00
Ten Pin Bowling	Peterborough Bowlerama	9:00– 4:00
Volleyball	Haliburton H.S. & J.D. Hodgson P.S.	9:30– 4:00

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# WE workers keep Wednesdays warm

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The snow may be falling across the village of Haliburton but inside the halls of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School the WE workers were keeping things toasty on Feb. 9 with Warm up Wednesdays.

Held every week during the lunch hour recess, Warm up Wednesdays is a fundraising initiative of the WE workers, a group of students set to make a difference in their school and community.

The weekly event sees the students making and selling cups of popcorn for \$1 while simultaneously creating a relaxing and positive atmosphere in which students from all grades can hang out with one another.

During the 20-minute recess, students are invited to listen to music, watch positive YouTube videos and chat amongst themselves in Laurie Bowker's Grade 7 classroom.

Proceeds from the event are put towards the group's overall goal to build a school in Ecuador.

With the help of three Warm up Wednesdays and an ongoing spare change drive to date the group has raised \$1,100.

"We always sell out of popcorn," said Bowker, the group's

faculty advisor. "There's usually a line-up of students down the hall to get in."

In addition to popcorn sales the spare change drive has been met with success partially as a result of a money counter, generously loaned out by hospital staff member Jennifer Kidd, whose daughter Rebecca is a WE worker.

"We call it the miracle machine," said Bowker.

To complete the school project in Ecuador the group hopes to raise a total of \$8,500, a sum Bowker does not believe is out of reach for the WE workers.

"You know people in this community have been so generous and they can continue to be generous for the cause," said Bowker. "Wouldn't it be great for these kids to see they can actually meet their goals?"

Bowker encourages anyone interested in donating their spare change to drop by the school's office and leave it in the donation box.

"Everyone in the community can bring in their spare change," said Bowker. "Where do you find spare change? In your car, or in your drawers. It's everywhere."

**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

**Brooke Stevenson** gets the popcorn cups ready for Warm up Wednesdays, a weekly fundraising initiative organized by the WE workers, a group of students at JDH Elementary School set to make a difference in their community.



## Head Lake bridge needs \$1.5 million in repairs

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county will need to spend millions of dollars in upcoming years for repairs to its many bridges and culverts.

This was the message to councillors on the county's roads

committee from county engineer Roy Haig as he presented his bridge needs study at a Feb. 9 meeting.

Topping the list is Haliburton Village's Head Lake Bridge, which Haig said will likely require somewhere between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million worth of work.

The aging structure, which Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey believed was installed in the late 1950s, is supported by metal piles, which Haig said are deteriorating.

"They are going to deteriorate to the point where we'll have to do something," he said.

The bridge's rails no longer comply with provincial standards and will also have to be upgraded.

Along the Rail Trail, the 93-metre-long Howland Junction bridge needs its wood and chain-link railing replaced, preferably this summer, Haig said, as well as work on its supporting infrastructure, which consists of wooden and steel parts.

Haig described that bridge as being in "bad shape."

Common problems throughout the county include cracking curbs and parapets, rusting and broken anchor bolts on steel truss bridges, such as the single-lane, green bridge on Horseshoe Lake Road.

Rusting sections of culverts need to be replaced and some culverts require repairs with concrete grouting.

While the county has seen substantial infrastructure funding from the province and the feds in recent years, "we aren't expecting anything in the near future."

While the county does have more than \$300,000 in reserves to use on its bridges, Haig suggested that council begin putting away more money.

"At this point, there has been no budget allotment for the rehab of any of the bridges," he said. "However, given the immense liability associated with neglected structures, the roads department will be preparing a five-year plan with an anticipated budget of around \$500,000 a year."



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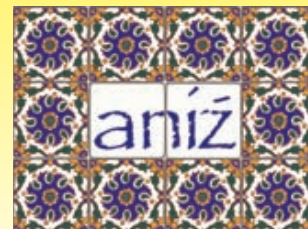
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Dysart et al Volunteer Firefighters Snack Car (\$)	10 am – 4 pm
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Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides Sponsored by the Haliburton BIA	11 am – 3 pm
Outdoor Winter Games with Youth Unlimited & the Bridge Youth Centre	11 am – 3 pm
Maple Taffy Tasting Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club	11:30 am – 1:30 pm
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Artist Chat with photographer, Paul Sanderson Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre	12 noon -2 pm
Children's Dog Sled Rides with Winterdance Dogsled Tours Sponsored by Haliburton Foodland	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
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# The life of an auto writer is not a bad ride

Annette McLeod

QMI Agency

I think every auto journalist has heard more than once that "it must be nice." And it is. Writing about cars for a living is a gift. In it now for more than a decade, I don't regret a moment I've

spent at it.

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But I'm human, so sometimes things do colour my vision. A couple of weeks ago, I found myself becoming frustrated with a certain manufacturer because its PR rep wasn't returning my calls. For a moment, I mentally took it out on his car. But as a professional, you learn to put it aside, just as you do the fancy press trips (which aren't as fancy as they used to be anyway).

Although healthy enough, my ego is not of sufficient size to overtake my common sense, but there are a few writers around who think it's all about them, to the point of pitching hissy fits if they don't fly first class and making demanding, obnoxious phone calls if they're not invited on the plumiest press junkets.

Then you have a day that brings it all into perspective, like the one I had last week in which I drove an hour in crappy weather to a manufacturer to drop off a press car, only to find that I had forgotten the keys to my own car (which was parked in their lot) at home, so I had to drive two hours round trip to fetch them. Then I drove half an hour from that manufacturer to another manufacturer to pick up my next car, only to discover that I had left my Blackberry in the first car. All in all, I spent five hours driving around in the snow that day.

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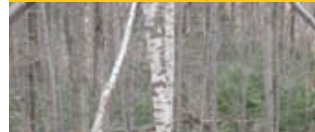
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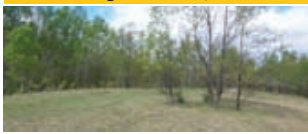
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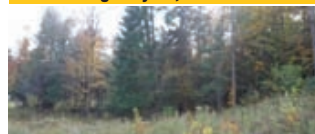
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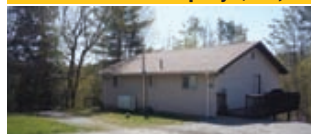
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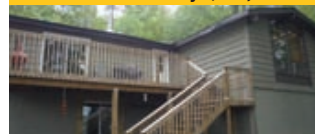
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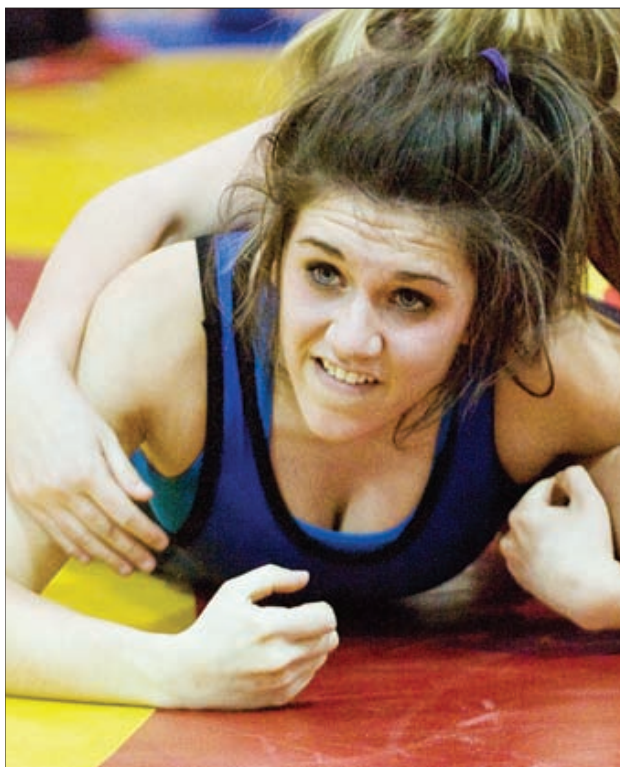
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# Sports



Clockwise, from above, Red Hawks Liz Toth looks at the bout clock; Cody Cox grapples; Megan Tompos has a hold on her opponent; Jenna Woolacott, blue, looks to turn her opponent during the Kawartha Wrestling Championships hosted by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, Feb. 11.



## Hawks host Kawartha

Haliburton high came in third overall with 76 points at the Kawartha wrestling championships held at the school Feb. 11.

In the women's categories, Kayla Gardiner and Bailey Walker placed first; Lily Coneybeare and Tara O'Sullivan were second; and Caitlyn Griffin, Megan Tompos and Liz Toth were third.

The men's results were second place for Greg Baumgartner, Keith Burley and Dylan Graham; and third for Cody Cox and Zane Zondervan.

The tournament drew 150 athletes from 11 Kawartha district schools.

Submitted by Paul Klose





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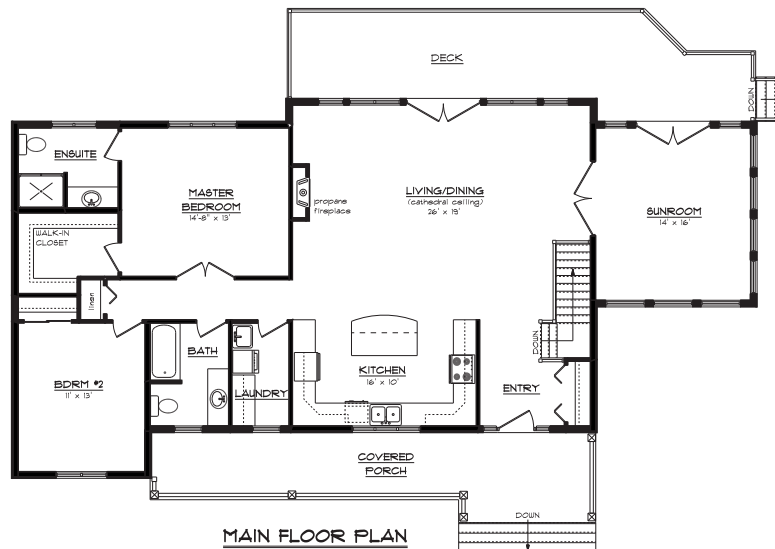
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# Hawks ground Griffins attack

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team is proving they are the undisputed leaders of Kawartha after handily beating the second place Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins 6-1 in Haliburton at the Dysart Arena yesterday.

With the two-week layoff, both teams came out slowly, unable to find the net, keeping much of the play in the neutral zone.

The Red Hawks had an early chance from the slot with a shot, but the Griffins keeper turned it away.

Haliburton fell behind early when Griffins' captain Tyler Lafonte scored on a slapshot just above the faceoff circle with 1:32 left in the first period.

It was the only lead they surrendered as the Red Hawks awoke with seconds left in the period.

They reeled off six unanswered goals, building on the momentum through strong discipline and team speed.

The scoring started with Zach Boice's equalizer with only 34.4 seconds left in the first period.

Red Hawks forward Ian Bottum scored the go-ahead goal in the opening seconds of the second period for the team's first lead.

Haliburton scored on consecutive power-play chances to get the second and third goal, which ended up being the insurance marker the team needed for the easy win.

"That is one of our keys is to let the other team take more penalties than us," he said, adding their speed and aggressiveness generates these chances.



**Darren Lum** Echo staff

Left, Red Hawks players Ashton Haley, Zack Boice and keeper Andi Elia scramble back during a 6-1 win over the Griffins.

"That's one of our goals in every game. I think we did it today," he said.

Despite the convincing win coach Ron Yake said his team will be working on preventing odd man rushes, specifically the two-on-ones.

Haliburton improves to 9-0 on the season while the Griffins drop to 7-3.

Red Hawks goalie Andi Elia was steady for the red and white.

This was the second win for Haliburton against the Griffins during league play.

Haliburton has outscored TAS 13-2 in these games.

Red Hawks forward Ian Bottum, who scored the eventual game-winner, finished with a hat-trick while teammate Scott Griffith helped with four points (two goals and

two assists), including Boice's goal to start the offensive onslaught.

Single points came from Haliburton's Brett Yake, Keaton Gadway, Mark Vasey and Aaron Hillier.

Through 23 (22-1-0) games that includes tournaments, the team is embarking on an unprecedented undefeated season.

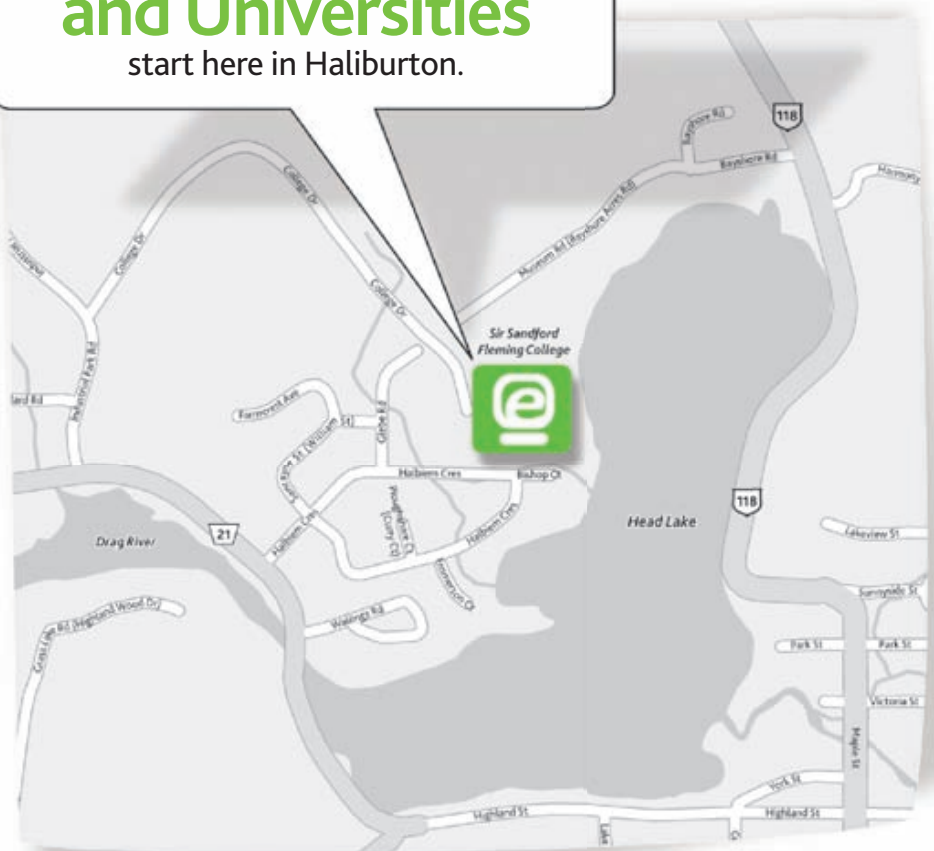
"It's nice to have a great record, but you're only as good as the last game you play," he said, adding the team's goal is bigger than any records, hoping to win it all.

Note: a couple of days later Haliburton beat the Griffins again with a 6-2 win in Peterborough.

Goals came from Scott Griffith (four goals), Mark Vasey and Ian with one each.

Haliburton is 10-0 in Kawartha League play.

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## RAM



# A week of comebacks for Lady Hawks

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Just call them the comeback kids.

Down by one goal after the first period, the Red Hawks girls' hockey team demonstrated great resolve in not only taking command of the second period, but holding on for the win against the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Rams at the Dysart Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Red Hawks forward Sam Tallman led off the scoring for the home side with a goal to tie the game midway through the first period after Haliburton fell behind when Rams player Jacquelyn Ruttle scored the game opening goal early

on.

A few minutes later after Tallman's failed wraparound attempt, Red Hawks Kate Denniston was "Johnny on the spot" depositing a loose puck to the back of the net for the team's first lead.

Both Red Hawks coaches were happy with the contribution and the effort to get to the front of the net, adding it's something the team has been working on in practices.

Haliburton forward Megan Allore scored the insurance marker for a 3-1 lead only seconds after.

Although lower in the standings, the Rams played above their heads despite being dominated through the second period and most of the third.

Their efforts were rewarded when Rams player Ruttle narrowed the deficit to one with her second goal of the game with 7:17 left in regulation.

The Red Hawks were forced to re-focus and were bailed out a couple of times by their goalie Jillian Mayhew, who not only stopped a shot in close when Haliburton was only up 2-1, but on a partial breakaway when she stopped a Rams player with a quick pad save to ensure the 3-2 win.

Red Hawks assistant coach Vince Duchene was quick to congratulate his goalie, who she said won them the game with these crucial saves.

The team is in sixth place with a 5-3 record and is currently holding down the last playoff spot in the 10-team Kawartha League.

Haliburton coach Bruce Griffith doesn't see how the team cannot make the playoffs.

One game remains.

Tallman finished with two points (a goal and an assist) while opposing player Ruttle finished with two goals.

It's worth noting Red Hawks defenceman Julia Fedeski had a strong game rushing the puck and controlling the defensive end.

This win comes on the heels of a comeback win earlier in the week against the Thomas A. Stewart Sec-



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks player Breana LaRue holds the puck, readying for a pass during a home game against the Kenner Rams.

ondary School Griffins in Peterborough.

Haliburton was down two goals in the first period.

They mounted a comeback and completed it with a 3-2 win to jump above .500.

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# Cross-Canada run delivers

**Colin Harris**  
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When I started running from Signal Hill on Jan. 17, I couldn't help but smile from ear to ear thinking about how long I've dreamed of this moment. From chasing the torch relay through the streets of Winnipeg in Grade 7 for the 1988 Olympics to reading and learning about Terry Fox and what he did, I have been inspired for some time to run across this great country. As I write this, I have run about 350 kilometres so far, and trying to take one day at a time is the key! With more than 7,000 kilometres to go, it can seem like a daunting task ahead.

Last summer, I started a non-profit organization called Take Me Outside that through various

means of advocacy is trying to get youth outside, active and connected to nature. This run across the country is trying to do just that. Along the way, I am stopping in schools to speak with students about "screen" time and time outside. On the first day, I visited with 600 students at Holy Family School just outside of St. John's. It was incredible to see a staff and administration that were so committed to getting students outside and active.

The coldness of winter here in Newfoundland has been hidden by the warmth of people we've met along the way. I have never been addressed as "my love" so many times in these last few weeks. The genuine goodness of people here is testament to why Newfoundland is a place that feels like home, even when you're not



Photo submitted

Colin Harris runs along Signal Hill on his cross-Canada trek with his group Take Me Outside.

from here.

Sarah Powell, a long-time friend who used to work at YMCA Wanakita and is now a teacher in Halifax, drives the support vehicle and takes care of most of the logistics. We both have dogs, so our 24' RV is close quarters most of the time – but we're surviving!

The students we have visited in schools are great! There have been some engaging conversations about screen time – the good and the bad.

But they also have a real enjoyment for being out-

side ... and in a province filled with trails and lakes and beautiful hikes overlooking the ocean, it seems natural that people like to be outside. And in a lot of ways, it reminds me of home – in Haliburton.

I miss Glebe Park, its skiing in the winter and its trails for walking my husky the rest of the year. I miss Eagle Lake and the beautiful sunsets through the forest of my back deck.

I miss the lakes and the gentle woosh of snow over snowshoes ... but most of all, I'm missing my community – the guys at the curl-

ing rink, the staff at Wanakita, the friendly banter with whoever you meet in town ... and especially my close friends peppered throughout the county. There is a sense of anticipation to run through Haliburton in early May.

It's a long journey ahead, which I'm sure will have its ups and downs.

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# Hawks swoop down on Griffins

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class.

Friday, Feb. 4; Saturday, Feb. 5 and Sunday, Feb. 6  
The senior boys' basketball team convincingly defeated the Gravenhurst Griffins by a 47-13 score. Luke Watson led all scorers with 16 points, six rebounds, and five steals, Jesse Lefebvre had eight points and 10 rebounds, and Chris Allison had six points and eight steals.

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The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Barrie to compete in a tournament at Eastview Secondary School where they proceeded to the bronze playoff bracket. The team defeated Huntsville, winning each set by two points, then earned 25-26 and 25-14 victories over Banting to become the bronze champions.

The boys' Red Hawk curling team of Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime, Mike Mazara, Tyler Warham and Shawn Kadwell won the Gore School Boy Regionals and has advanced to the provincials in Ottawa.

At the provincial wrestling championships, seven Red Hawk wrestlers competed against 550 wrestlers from across the province. Bailey Walker placed sixth and Zane Zonder-van placed fifth. Special congratulations to Kayla Gardiner who earned the bronze medal with five wins and one loss to the eventual champion.

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# From air force to OPP to deputy reeve

He will always remember that December night in 1968 when two policemen were shot and killed in front of him. For Mike Maher it was the high/low point of a 23-year career as an Ontario Provincial Police constable. He was one of only nine officers who were responsible for keeping the peace in a huge area which stretched from the Algonquin Park West Gate all the way to the county line near Norland.

*Interesting*  
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"Dad didn't want me to do it, so that's what I did," recalls Maher. "It was right after the war, don't forget, so there was still an aura of excitement around the armed forces. Besides it was time for me to move out."

After a stint in boot camp in St. Jean, Que, Maher was assigned a position as an aircraft electrical technician. He spent 11 years in the air force, and during that time, in 1960, married wife Anne. In 1965 he decided that a career change was in order. He turned down a position with Lockheed that would have taken him to the U.S. state of Georgia, and instead applied to the OPP in Belleville, Ont. He was still only 28. Maher went to Toronto for his training and was then sent to district headquarters in Peterborough, where in July of '65 he was assigned to the Minden branch.

"Minden, where's that?" was Maher's initial response. "Don't worry," the district officer told him, "officers who go there can't be dragged out with wild horses, you'll love it." And so it turned out.

"I found out that this was a good detachment, because of the diversity," says Maher. "We got to work on traffic, break-ins, theft," a little bit of everything. "For me it was a new career, a new location and right off the bat an interesting beginning. It was nothing back then on a Saturday night to do up to nine traffic accidents. The county is huge and we were lucky if we had four constables on at night, and one of them had to man the desk and phone."

One fly in the ointment was that housing was hard to come by, so Anne didn't move up until September, after they'd secured a house. They both found living in a small town to their liking, though the quickness that news travelled in the community took them both by surprise.

"Anne went to the doctor in Haliburton for a checkup and was told that she was pregnant," Maher recollects. "On her



Mike Maher witnessed the horrific murder of two of his colleagues on the police force – an experience he still clearly remembers.

Photo by George Farrell

way back from Haliburton she stopped at the post office in Minden to collect the mail, and the clerk said to her; 'Oh, you're the new policeman's wife who's pregnant.' We laughed for years about that." Daughter Michelle was born in 1967. "She was our Centennial project," he remarks, chuckling.

Maher's countenance changes when he recalls that fateful night in '68. "I can remember every little detail," he states. "It was Dec. 11, 8:43 p.m. A man, who was quite frankly unstable, had kicked his own mom and dad out of their home and threatened to kill them if they returned. Two local officers were assigned to try and get him to come out of the house safely. He wouldn't come out so they backed off and asked for additional help." Maher was part of the backup help that arrived, which included two other officers from Peterborough who had just taken a psychology course. Those two officers walked up to the house and said "we're not armed." "They tried to talk him out but he opened up with a 44-40 rifle and he shot and killed the both of them. One of the officers died in my arms," says Maher, still incredulous after all these years.

The man in the house eventually threw out his gun. Then one officer climbed in a window and after a struggle, subdued him. Maher likes to think that such a tragedy is unlikely to happen today.

"Nowadays there's better training, they have a tactical team, and they would employ better equipment. Plus there's a lot more officers now." These are good changes, but Maher also sees some worrying elements.

"Back then we all lived locally in the village and people got to know us and respect us and we got to know them and their families. Today, many officers live outside the village or outside the county. Other than the few officers who were raised here very few people are familiar with the OPP personnel or their families."

After his retirement on April 1, 1998 Mike and Anne decided to remain in Minden. "We love this county," he states. "We made friends and we were accepted." That much is clear; Mike Maher was a councillor, and then deputy reeve of Minden in the years from 1988 to 1991.

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# Benefit dance for Mary Ellen Coghlan and Angie Scott Feb. 19

## Harcourt

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Cancer – that buzz word that strikes fear and sadness into the hearts of so many and turns lives into complete turmoil is on our minds as we think of Mary Ellen Coghlan and Angie Scott.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to each of these ladies as they bravely battle their illnesses. It is hard to imagine their inner worries and how difficult it must be for them to be brave around their families and friends when they must be overwhelmed with their own concerns.

Like so many victims of cancer they exhibit incredible courage and to assist

them in their journey to wellness, family and friends are invited to a benefit dance for Mary Ellen and Angie. Both women were born and raised in Harcourt and assisted with community events for years. Now we have an opportunity to offer our support to them.

Please join them on Feb. 19 at the Harcourt Community Centre. The dance will be held from 9 to 1 p.m. and music will be donated by much admired and respected band, Timber Tom and the Crosscuts. There will be a \$10 admission fee at the door to offset some of the costs and there will be separate donation boxes available as well.

Please come out and show your support for these two lovely gals.

Happy St. Valentine's Day to all!

Don't forget to start making some special

plans for Monday, Feb. 21 – Family Day. Take time and create a meal together as a family or play games together. My two-and-a-half-year-old grand daughter Grace loves to play cards and I get such enjoyment just watching her as she very seriously taps her cards on the table or shuffles them just like her great grandfather. Read together and share some stories together about daily happenings in your lives. Go skating, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, snowmobiling, down hill skiing and/or ice fishing together. There are so many great outdoor activities you can do together as a family. Do some crafts together. Make your Family Day every day. Take time each day and do something special with your children, grand children or great grand children. It is such a rewarding experience. Have fun together!

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

Feb. 16: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre.

Feb. 17: Progressive euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre.

Feb. 19: Benefit dance for families of Mary Ellen Coghlan and Angie Scott. 9 to 1 p.m. Music donated by Timber Tom and Crosscuts. \$10 admission at door. Separate donation boxes will be available.

The Harcourt Community Centre is available for rent for weddings, anniversaries, etc. Please contact Debbie at 705-448-3155 for more information.

## NOTICE (Applicant - PICKETT)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2011** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

**FIRSTLY:** Part of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 15, Designated as Reserve for Road on Crown Land Survey attached to Instrument Number H21235, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 16, 2010.

**SECONDLY:** Part of Lot 11, Concession 15, Designated as Reserve for Road on Crown Land Survey attached to Instrument Number H21235, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 16, 2010.

**THIRDLY:** Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 11, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 16, 2010.

**FOURTHLY:** Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 7 and 8 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 16, 2010. (Part 8 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 15th day of February, 2011.

**IRENE S. COOK, CMO  
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## Notices

### NOTICE

**TO:** ANY PARTY HAVING TITLE INTEREST IN THE LANDS UNDER APPLICATION known as Lots 26, 27 & 28, Concessions 6, 7 & 8 in the Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton and/or the Personal Representative of his, her or their estates or his, her or their heirs at law.

**RE:** Part of P.I.N. 39153-0233 (LT), being Part of Lots 26, 27 and 28, Concessions 7 and 8, Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 26 and 27, Concession 7 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 8 (Closed by By-Law No. 2010-54 Registered as HA9224), Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton, and shown as Part 1 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated January 18, 2011;

**AND RE:** Part of P.I.N. 39153-0233 (LT), being Part of Lots 27 and 28, Concessions 7 and 8, Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton, and shown as Part 2 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated January 18, 2011. Subject to a right-of-way over Part 2, as in HA10117;

**AND RE:** Part of P.I.N. 39153-0138 (LT), being Part of Lot 27, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton, and shown as Part 3 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated January 18, 2011.

The said draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated January 18, 2011 is attached to an application registered as Instrument No. **HA13416** and is available for inspection at the Haliburton County Land Registry Office (No. 19) or the office of the Solicitor for the Applicant:

Land Registry Office No. 19	Solicitor for the Applicant:
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**TAKE NOTICE THAT GREIF BROS. CANADA INC.** herein referred to as the Applicant has made application registered as No. **HA13416** to be registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner in fee simple with an absolute title to the above described land.

**AND TAKE NOTICE THAT** any person claiming to have any title to or interest in the said land or any part thereof (other than an interest protected by registration) is required on or before **March 21, 2011** (which is more than thirty days from the date this notice was served) to file a statement of objection, setting out the grounds for such objection, verified by affidavit, directed to the Land Registrar at the address of the solicitor for the Applicant set out above. If no such statement of objection is filed by **March 21, 2011**, I shall proceed with the application and any interest you may claim in the subject property may be thereby extinguished and you may not be entitled to receive any further notice with respect to the proceedings.

**Dated at Toronto, this 7th day of February, 2011**

Solicitor for the Applicant:

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Janice Hardy of Kennisis Lake spotted this beautiful fox.



Tracey Green saw this barred owl up a tree in Highlands East.



Jack Carr found this fox sitting on his deck railing.

Left, Beth Johns saw this owl in West Guilford.

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5	Scott LaRue	876
6	Ronald Sedley	858.5
7	Melissa White	854
8	Jeff Barry	845
9	Andrew McGill	831.5
10	Ian Kemp	824.75
11	Martin Schuster	802.5
12	Matt Prichard	801.5
13	Chase Heinemann	801
14	Maie Arike	800.5
15	Michael Moxley	799.5
16	Bob McKay	794.5
17	Larry Southgate	794
18	David Douglas	787
19	Orville Meeke	785.5
20	Denniella Rivard	770.25
21	Paul Cameron	766.5
22	R Bell	765
23	Nancy Holden	763.25
24	Jordan Hamilton	762
25	Robert McIvor	752.25
26	Pat Barry	747.25
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28	Jamie Pritchard	742
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35	Jonathan Sharpley	713
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37	Andrew Carmount	706.25
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39	Beryl Rasmus	691
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## Notices

### The County of Haliburton



#### NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the draft 2011 budget at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 23, 2011** in the County Council Chambers at **11 Newcastle St., Minden.** At this time Council will also review the **County Fee Bylaw**. The public is invited to attend.



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# BEAR books has another successful year

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

What good news. You have heard about Canada Reads? Well this part of the country sure reads. Once again the BEAR Books project had a very successful year. Here's how it works. Donors kindly drop off at Agnew's General Store books they have "discarded" from their collections. Other people borrow, enjoy and return them. (BEAR) They donate a small amount, usually a quarter for a paperback and a dollar for a hardcover. It all adds up. And amazingly in 2010 it totalled \$1,425. The Agnew family have given that money to help others. Two hundred went to each of Wilberforce figure skating, Wilberforce minor hockey, Ward 4 of Highlands East fire department and Word Of Life Outreach. The Alzheimer Society received \$125. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation was given \$500. So much good resulting from this thoughtful project carried on quietly by some very community-minded, caring people. Thanks.

The Loop Troupe has been having some good rehearsals of the play that will be presented on the stage at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Friday and Saturday March 4 and 5. The Troupe hopes you have as much fun seeing *That Was No Lady, That*

*Was a Private Eye*, as they are having rehearsals of it. Several in the cast have had roles in previous productions. Others are hitting the board for the first time. We are delighted. You will be too. More on cast next time. Can't keep it secret much longer.

Adele Barnes remains in hospital in Haliburton. After treatment and then surgery for cancer of the esophagus, Adele had a major stroke. This has been a difficult time for her and her family. The family does appreciate that people drop in to see her and sit a while. Adele is well known for her work with Community Care. How many bus trips has she led to some great shows! We certainly miss her at the Loop Troupe. So many are hoping and praying for a miraculous improvement for this well loved member of this community.

The Gerri Waugh team of Ginny Carmichael, Nadia Martinek and Marielaine Mackie won the Don Fevreau Memorial Cup with 49 points at the Ladies Valentine Bonspiel last weekend. In second place with 37 points was the Cindy Baumhour team of Lisa Lewis, Danielle Bogan and Andrea Hillo. The third and fourth place teams were close behind in this hotly competitive tournament. They were having fun but playing hard. In third place with 35 points was that other Waugh team-Lynn Waugh skipping Jackie Wanninkof, Sheri Siebarth and Roberta McIsaac. If Mom Gerri hadn't been so spectacular in the last shot of their second game it could have been Lynn's team who took home the top prizes. Just a half a point back with 34.5 was the Donna Fevreau team of Connie Wells, Rosie Hosjan and Joann Bugg. Tammy Vaughan who

organized the delicious dinner also entered the team of Ashley Baragar, Tanya Waller and Katy McDonald, which placed fifth. The other three teams had fun too. All participants won prizes. Convener Doug Stephen thanks all the volunteers who helped make the 'spiel a roaring success. It was a delight to have Donna Fevreau bring two teams to this bonspiel again this year. The ladies on the other team were Skip Denise Evans, Eileen Wilson, Karen Afheldt and Linda Evans. They hailed from New Market, Pickering, Oakville, Toronto and Uxbridge. They stayed in the village and seemed to enjoy the weekend greatly.

Don't be surprised to see lots of strangers in town on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Our Curling Club and the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena will be buzzing with athletes competing in the Ontario Senior Winter Games. Being welcomed to Haliburton County will be more than 800 athletes, coaches, district coordinators and officials plus their supporters. In Wilberforce curlers from North Lanark, Brampton, Victoria and Chatham-Kent will be here Wednesday between 9 and 3. Others play off on Thursday. At the arena there will be the age 65 and over teams from 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Teams are from Halton, Haliburton, Durham, Simcoe County, Lanark, York, Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and Mississauga. More hockey all day Thursday. Do drop by the arena and see the action. The Haliburton Team plays Halton first game at 8 Am Wednesday. They are here to ski, skate, play volleyball, table tennis, badminton and play bridge at various sites in the county. Welcome and have fun!

## Coming Events

# community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

• **February 16: International Speech Contest:** 7pm at The Minden United Church For more information contact Audrey Roberts @ 705- 447-2519

• **February 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse,** 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

• **February 17: Top 10 RRSP Tips:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

• **February 18: Shepherd's Table Community Supper** will be served at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton at 5:30. Starting in March, Shepherd's Table will take place twice monthly, on the first and third Friday of each month!

• **February 18 Children's Learning Centre 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Fundraiser-** Located at the Minden Arena at 7:00 p.m. The Chicks with Sticks vs The Haliburton Highlands O.P.P Admission: Adult \$5.00 Children 5+ \$3.00 preschoolers FREE. We will have lots of raffle items available! Come join the fun! For more information, please call us at 705-286-4074

• **February 19: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival:** starting at 8:30am with the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Pancake Breakfast. Plenty of indoor & outdoor events for more information check out [www.dorestsnowball.com](http://www.dorestsnowball.com)

• **February 19: Valentines Concert** 7pm located at the Maple Lake United Church (Hwy 118@ Stanhope Airport Road) featuring local talent- Free will offering at the door. For more information contact Ev at 705-457-3972

• **February 19: Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run** \$50 per person all proceeds to Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department. For more information call 705-754-2198 or visit [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com)

• **February 22: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents:** Bill Beattie & Julia Roberston Topic: "Stories my Grandparents told me" located at the Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Highway. 118

• **February 23: Volunteer Income Tax:** Every Wednesday located at the Wilberforce Legion from 2pm to 3:30pm ending Wednesday April. 20 for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **February 24: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:** Person directed planning workshop, assisting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Kinmount Public Library 4pm for more information contact 705-749-6681

• **February 25: One Grey Mouse:** Celebrating Early Literacy located at the Haliburton Public Library Dysart Branch 10am-11am for more information contact 705-457-2241

• **February 28: CLIMBING CLUB** Come out and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing! The Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents CLIMBING CLUB will take place at Camp Medeba Monday evenings Feb 28, March 7, 21 April 4, and 11th. Families' 6:30 to 8:00 pm -children and parents climb together. Youths and Adults 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost \$2.00 per person. For more information call Donna at Point in Time at 457-5345 ext. 314 or email [donnaa@pointintime.ca](mailto:donnaa@pointintime.ca)

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**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**  
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# Huge amount brought in for Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation

**West Guilford**  
Eleanor Cooper

The following account was written by a resident on Nila Road on Pine Lake:

The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation was set up to help women who need financial assistance while they are sick. Kelly and friends started this in 2000 when she and her husband had to give up their business due to financial difficulties after her diagnosis. They thought that women in this position should not have to worry about bills while they already had enough on their plate. If you work part-time in a small place there are no benefits to help over and above OHIP.

A recipient can apply and receive \$1,200 to help with babysitting, travelling expenses, prosthesis, wigs, etc. as well as utility bills. The girls decided that a snowmobile ride would be a great way to collect dollars for this cause. There is a board and rules and it is a registered foundation.

Each rider must bring in a minimum of \$1,250. With corporate sponsors and a lot of great volunteers this year we are up to \$430,000 and counting. Although Kelly lost her battle (2004), everyone does his or her part to keep her legacy going and to "dance like no one is watching."

This was my ninth year being involved. As a 10-year survivor, I understand the

need of others. I am a snowmobiler, so this is a fantastic way for me to help. I work to collect funds and look forward to the next year. We meet new and repeat friends who are all there to do their part for women helping women. This year there were about 120 riders. The foundation is made up totally of volunteers who do a fantastic job all year round. I would

like to thank everyone who helped me in my fundraising.  
- Liz Jesseman

I would like to add that Liz herself has won a first, a second and a third place for her success in gathering contributions. One year \$8,700. Liz would like to compliment the contributors- you know who you are - the businesses and individuals alike. Her total over nine years amounts to

\$42,000. Way to go, Liz!

You may recall the first Anne of Green Gables production on the old stage at the high school. One of the chorus of singers, dancers was Chris Ratz and he outshone all others in the line. Chris has since gone on to

pursue acting. His first big film was The Englishman's Boy. Since then he has acted in Score - a Hockey Musical, which will be viewed at the Northern Lights Theatre in March. Watch and listen for more news of this exciting event. Congratulations

to Chris and best wishes for future endeavours on the stage and in film.

Euchre on Tuesday, Feb. 8 - finished with high to Sandy Poulton and Gerald Hadley; low to Ruth Hunt and Henk van Nood; most lone hands to Ron Bain and Ed Muenzel.

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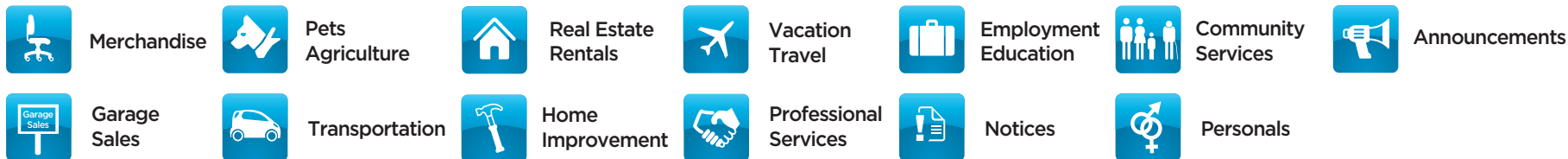
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# Storm Bantam B girls beat Clearview 2-1

This weekend the Highland Storm Bantam B girls travelled to Barrie and Clearview to start their provincial play-downs.

In the single game round robin format the Storm girls played their first game against the Barrie Sharks on the road Saturday afternoon. The game was a tightly checked and contested battle. The only goal of the game was scored by Jamie Little on a shot tucked into the corner of the net from the point in the second period. The girls battled defensively the entire game to keep the Sharks off the score sheet. Connor Marsden made many stops, but two stellar saves solidified the win. The shutout was her 16th shutout (her favourite number) of the season (in league, tournament and now provincial play-down play).

On Sunday the Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls made another road trip to take on the Clearview Ice Cats. The girls jumped out to an early lead with a short-handed goal by Erin Little who pulled the trigger beating the goalie low with a "wrist" off a Ice Cat turnover. Clearview battled back tying the score with a power play goal midway through the first period. The Storm girls fought back and pulled ahead 2-1 with Erin Little's dynamite rush late in the first period. The Storm held off the aggressive Ice Cats squad off the score sheet the next two periods. The newly recategorized Bantam B Highland Storm squad battled hard to preserve the 2-1 win, especially with the third period surge by the Clearview team.

Great weekend girls to start our provincial play-downs at the B level ... your hard work and commitment to a game plan is paying off. Stay focused!

The Storm girls continue their provincial play-downs Thursday night Feb. 17 at 7:30 in the Haliburton Barn against the Orillia Hawks.

The team wraps up their play-downs on Saturday the 27th at 5 p.m. in Wilberforce against North Simcoe.

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*

## Atom AEs come back to lead Newcastle 2-1

Final Scores: 3-2 and 4-1 wins over Newcastle. The Storm now lead the best of five, two games to one.

Next Games: Saturday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Newcastle and Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Minden if necessary.

After starting the best of five series down a game, our nine and ten year old boys were faced with the prospect of their season coming to an end this weekend if they weren't able to find the resiliency required to come back against a very good Newcastle squad.

And whatever Coach Jarrett Campbell and his assistants Jordan Joanu and Derek Nesbitt said to the boys before the game on Saturday sure got them to believe they could come back from the moment the puck dropped!

It was like watching a different team as each person on the squad fought for every inch of ice and pushed hard for the puck. Trevor Turner got the team rolling in the first period as he jammed the puck in off a shot by Jesse Sisson. But Newcastle kept coming and tied the score in the second. Ben Schmidt grabbed the lead back for our team on a beautiful wrist, high side, that was assisted by Matthew Manning and then Trevor made it 3-1 in the third on a set-up by Alex Petrie. Shawn Walker also assisted on what was to prove to be the game winner.

This gave them the confidence they needed for Sunday's game in Haliburton as they came out again to score the first goal of the game. Ben Schmidt scored his first of three goals on the night with an assist coming from Ryan Prentice. Newcastle were the better team for much of the second period though and if not for Carson Sisson's continued stellar play in net, this game may have ended much differently. Carson made several key saves in close but Newcastle were able to tie it on a scramble play in front. But with only three seconds left in the second, Aiden Garbutt's shot from the point found it's way to the back of the net and the boys carried the lead into the third that they would not surrender. Matthew Manning and Shawn Walker grabbed assists

on the game winner. In the third, Ben Schmidt scored two insurance markers to secure the win.

Floyd Hall Insurance's Atom AEs now have the chance to move into the semi-finals on Saturday with one more win! Great job on a total team effort!

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

## Peewee AEs head to Oshawa

Randys Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs decided to take advantage of the lull in their playdowns, last weekend, while the opposing teams were still battling to move on to the quarterfinals.

The Storm team was invited to play in the 36th Heritage Invitational Hockey Tournament in Oshawa which ran from Friday, Feb. 4 to Sunday, Feb. 6. The Storms first game was Friday and 8 p.m. at the Legends Centre against St. Thomas. The boys proved that the long day and late hour did not bother them when they came away with a 3-0 win. Goals being scored by Greg Crofts, Josh Rowden and Mac Rider.

Assists go to Max MacNaull and a shut out for goalie Parker Smolen. The next game was Saturday at 10:15 a.m. (the first of two) at the General Motors Centre and it looked like the day before had caught up with the boys and they lost 4-0 against Stouffville. So, with a short wait until the next game at 4 p.m. against Peterborough the boys had time to get themselves together. This was an exciting game, with the Storm scoring first, but both teams wanted the win and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Leaving people unsure if the Highland Storm would move forward to the finals. Goals went to Drew Vanlieshout and Mitch Billings, assists go to Josh Rowden and Mac Rider.

The Storm did move ahead to compete for the C division championship against Mooretown and came away champions with a 3-1 win and Greg Crofts as MVP. Goals by Greg Crofts (2) with one being unassisted and two men short and Alex Wilbee, assists go to John Morrison, Alex Wilbee and Regan Casey.

Despite the one loss in was a great weekend of hockey to help gear up the boys for the playdowns which continued this weekend against Lakefield. First of three games being played is Friday, Feb. 11 in Lakefield at 7:30 p.m., then Saturday, Feb. 12 in Minden at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13 in Lakefield again at 4 p.m. This is a best three out of five series with the winner moving on to the OMHA semi final playdowns.

A quick mention to thank our parents and bench for coming together on short notice for the tournament and their support and encouragement to these boys to continue to play good, smart hockey and have fun. Also to let our boys know that we are proud of them and think they are a great team, no matter what.

We played our first playdown game in Lakefield on Friday Feb 11 at 7:30 p.m., two players short, one on medication for strep throat and 3-4 others with nasty coughs and colds. The boys had to dig deep to play this game and were showing fatigue by the end of the second period. The Storm boys had manage to pull ahead 3-0 going into the flood. Goals went to Greg Crofts with assist to Drew

Vanlieshout, Mac Rider and Max MacNaull both unassisted. The boys returned to the ice struggling to maintain their lead only to have Lakefield get two goals then pull their goalie. With Lakefields man advantage the Storm boys gritted their teeth, dug in their heels and attempted 3 times for the empty netter only to ice the puck and have it brought back to their end for a face off. One more time proved good as team got the puck out of their end and Greg Crofts finally scored on the empty net for a 4-2 victory. The team headed home to a well deserved rest.

The game on Saturday, Feb. 12 in Minden at 3:30 p.m. proved that both teams wanted the win and that the puck does not always bounce in your favour. The Storm were still two men short and the rest still recovering from their coughs and colds. Even though the Storm outplayed the Chiefs, they just couldn't get the puck in the net. The win

went to Lakefield 4-2. Goals went to Drew Vanlieshout and Max MacNaull, assists to Mac Rider and Greg Crofts. Sunday, Feb. 13 was the third game of the series and the second in Lakefield.

The Storm were once again down two players and a number of the rest just recovering from the coughs and cold and the others just starting to get it. The Storm boys could not catch a break and Lakefield won with another 4-2 win. Goals for the Storm go to Max MacNaull, unassisted and the second to Josh Rowden with the assist to Drew Vanlieshout.

Our next game against Lakefield is Saturday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton.

Please come out and support the boys.

*Submitted by Karena Crofts*

## Novice Storm goes to Game 5 against Elmvale

The Peppermill Novice Storm hockey team split their two playoff games with Elmvale on The weekend. The team won a thrilling 4-3 overtime game on Saturday and lost Sunday's game by a score of 2-1. The series is now tied at 2 games each. Game five goes next Saturday in Elmvale.

Saturday's game featured end to end action with both teams pulling all the stops to try to pull ahead in the series. Strong fore-checking by Paul Turner and Mikki Bukta created loose pucks for Benn MacNaull who score twice and Alex Little who netted a nice breakaway goal. The team's defence made superb plays in their own zone to keep the Elmvale team at bay. Ryan Hall, Ethan Glecoff, James Alexander and Isaac Little forced the Elmvale squad to the outside and Goaltender Nigel made several key saves. When regulation time ended the score was tied at 3. Two minutes in to the overtime period defenseman Alexander made a nice pass to teammate Joe Boice who spotted Tyson Clements in the clear and fed him a nice pass. Tyson buried the winner to put the Storm up 2 games to 1. On Sunday the Coyotes returned the favour defeating the Storm in a closely fought game by a score of 2-1. Smith was outstanding in the net while Alex Little scored the lone goal. The Novice Storm are looking forward to the deciding game five next Saturday and will a usual leave it all on the ice. Go Storm Go!

*Submitted by Paul Morissette*

## Bantam AE win three in regular season play

On Feb. 6 the Parker Pad and Printing Bantam AE Highland Storm began the second round of the OMHA play downs against the Douro Dukes. The series opened in Douro and the Storm were routed 4-0. The second game of the series was played in Haliburton. The home town boys were down two players and forced to use a few skaters who were feeling under the weather. Despite the short bench they started fast and Braden Roberts scored mid first period, poking home a rebound on a Tyler Casey shot. The Dukes responded with some rough physical play putting to use their size advantage. They scored on a defensive miscue by the Storm and the first period ended 1-1. The Dukes struck twice more in the second period and entered the final frame up 3-1. They scored again early in the last period and carried their three-goal lead late in the period until Roberts scored again on a beautiful solo effort. The Storm will face the Dukes again in Haliburton on Tuesday down 2-0.

In regular season play the team experienced three wins in a row. On the 9th they beat Manvers 4-0 with Jesse Davis racking up a hat trick. They then earned their first victory against Lindsay on the 11th with another 4-0 score. They finished the week with an away game in Sunderland on the 12th winning 9-0.

*Submitted by Doug Sullivan*



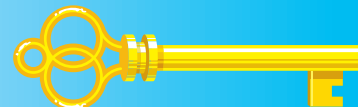
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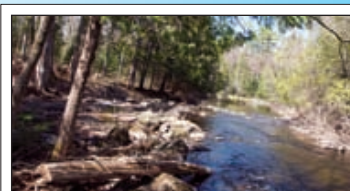
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